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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES :

BEGUN and held at the City of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, on Monday, the second of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, being the First Session of the Sixth Congress held under the Constitution of Government of the United States :

On which day, being the day appointed by the Constitution for the annual meeting of Congress, the following members of the House of Representatives appeared, produced their credentials, and took their seats, to wit :

From New Hampshire,	{ Abiel Foster, Jonathan Freeman, and William Gordon.
From Massachusetts,	{ Bailey Bartlett, Phanuel Bishop, Dwight Foster, Harrison G. Otis, Silas Lee, Samuel Lyman, John Reed, Samuel Sewall, Theodore Sedgwick, William Shepard, George Thatcher, Joseph B. Varnum, Peleg Wadsworth, and Lemuel Williams.
From Connecticut,	{ Jonathan Brace, Samuel W. Dana, John Davenport, William Edmond, Chauncey Goodrich, Elizur Goodrich, and Roger Griswold.
From Rhode Island,	{ John Brown, and Christopher G. Champlin.
From Vermont,	{ Matthew Lyon, and Lewis R. Morris.

From New York,

Theodorus Bailey,
John Bird,
William Cooper,
Lucas Elmendorf,
Henry Glen,
Edward Livingston,
Jonas Platt,
John Thompson, and
Philip Van Cortlandt.

From New Jersey,

John Condit,
Franklin Davenport,
James H. Imlay,
Aaron Kitchell, and
James Linn.

From Pennsylvania,

Robert Brown,
Andrew Gregg,
Albert Gallatin,
John A. Hanna,
Joseph Heister,
John Wilkes Kittera,
Michael Leib,
Peter Muhlenberg,
John Smilie,
Richard Thomas,
Robert Waln, and
Henry Woods.

From Maryland,

George Baer,
William Craik,
Gabriel Christie,
George Dent,
Joseph H. Nicholson,
Samuel Smith, and
John Chew Thomas.

From Virginia,

John Dawson,
Thomas Evans,
David Holmes,
George Jackson,
John Marshall,
John Nicholas,
Anthony New,
Leven Powell,
John Randolph,
Abram Trigg, and
John Trigg.

From North Carolina,

Willis Alston,
Joseph Dickson,
Archibald Henderson,
William H. Hill,
Nathaniel Macon,
Richard Stanford, and
David Stone.

From South Carolina,

Robert Goodloe Harper,
Abraham Nott,
John Rutledge, jun. and
Thomas Sumter.

From Georgia,

James Jones,
Benjamin Taliaferro.

From Tennessee,

William Charles Cole Claiborne.

And a quorum, consisting of a majority of the whole number, being present,
The House proceeded, by ballot, to the choice of a Speaker, and, upon examining
the ballots, a majority of the votes of the whole House was found in favor of the Honor-

able Theodore Sedgwick, one of the Representatives for the State of Massachusetts : Whereupon,

The said Theodore Sedgwick was conducted to the chair, from whence he made his acknowledgments to the House, as followeth :

"Gentlemen : Although I am conscious of a deficiency of the talents which are desirable to discharge with usefulness and dignity the important duties of the high station to which I am raised, by the generous regard of the enlightened and virtuous representatives of my country ; yet, reposing myself with perfect confidence on the energy of their candid support, I will not shrink from the attempt.

"Accept, I pray you, gentlemen, my grateful acknowledgment of the honor which you are pleased to confer, and with it an assurance that no consideration shall seduce me to deviate in the least degree from a direct line of impartial integrity."

The House proceeded, in the same manner, to the appointment of a Clerk, and, upon examining the ballots, a majority of the votes of the whole House was found in favor of Jonathan Williams Condry.

The oath to support the Constitution of the United States, as prescribed by the act, entitled "An act to regulate the time and manner of administering certain oaths," was administered by Mr. Rutledge, one of the Representatives for the State of South Carolina, to the Speaker, and then the same oath or affirmation was administered by Mr. Speaker to each of the Members present, to wit :

Abiel Foster, Jonathan Freeman, William Gordon, Bailey Bartlett, Phaniel Bishop, Dwight Foster, Harrison G. Otis, Silas Lee, Samuel Lyman, John Reed, Samuel Sewall, William Shepard, George Thatcher, Joseph B. Varnum, Peleg Wadsworth, Lemuel Williams, Jonathan Brace, Samuel W. Dana, John Davenport, William Edmond, Chauncey Goodrich, Elizur Goodrich, Roger Griswold, John Brown, Christopher G. Champlin, Matthew Lyon, Lewis R. Morris, Theodorus Bailey, John Bird, William Cooper, Lucas Elmendorf, Henry Glen, Edward Livingston, Jonas Platt, John Thompson, Philip Van Cortlandt, John Condit, Franklin Davenport, James H. Inlay, Aaron Kitchell, James Linn, Robert Brown, Andrew Gregg, Albert Gallatin, John A. Hanna, Joseph Heister, John Wilkes Kittera, Michael Leib, Peter Muhlenberg, John Smilie, Richard Thomas, Robert Wain, Henry Woods, George Baer, William Craik, Gabriel Christie, George Dent, Joseph H. Nicholson, Samuel Smith, John Chew Thomas, John Dawson, Thomas Evans, David Holmes, George Jackson, John Marshall, John Nicholas, Anthony New, Leven Powell, John Randolph, Abram Trigg, John Trigg, Willis Alston, Joseph Dickson, Archibald Henderson, William H. Hill, Nathaniel Macon, Richard Stanford, David Stone, Robert Goodloe Harper, Abraham Nott, John Rutledge, jun. Thomas Sumter, James Jones, Benjamin Taliaferro, and William C. C. Claiborne.

William Henry Harrison having also appeared as a Representative for the Territory of the United States Northwest of the River Ohio, the said oath was also administered to him by Mr. Speaker.

The same affirmation, together with the affirmation of office prescribed by the said recited act, were also administered by Mr. Speaker to the Clerk.

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Senate to inform them that a quorum of this House is assembled, and have elected the Honorable Theodore Sedgwick their Speaker; and that the Clerk of this House do go with the said message.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : I am directed to inform this House that a quorum of the Senate is assembled, and ready to proceed to business, and that, in the absence of the Vice President, they have elected the Honorable Samuel Livermore President of the Senate pro tempore. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded, by ballot, to the choice of a Sergeant-at-Arms, Doorkeeper, and Assistant Doorkeeper ; and, upon examining the ballots, an unanimous vote of the House was found in favor of Joseph Wheaton, as Sergeant-at-Arms, Thomas Claxton, as Doorkeeper, and Thomas Dunn, as Assistant Doorkeeper.

Ordered, That the said Joseph Wheaton, Thomas Claxton, and Thomas Dunn, do severally give their attendance accordingly.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from John Trumbull, Esquire, a citizen of the United States, residing in England, presenting to the House of Representatives of the United States impressions of two prints, commemorative of certain events of the American Revolution, which he has published ; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have appointed a committee on their part, jointly, with

such committee as may be appointed on the part of this House, to wait on the President of the United States, and inform him that a quorum of the two Houses is assembled, and ready to receive any communications he may think proper to make to them. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said message of the Senate : Whereupon, *Resolved*, That this House do concur in the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Marshall, Mr. Rutledge, and Mr. Sewall, be appointed a committee on the part of this House for the purpose expressed in the message of the Senate.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from William Godfrey, stating himself to be a citizen of the United States, and that he is detained and obliged to serve on board the Mars ship of war, belonging to the British, and praying the interposition of Congress to obtain his release.

Ordered, That the said letter be referred to the Secretary of State.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House cause the Members to be furnished, during the present session, with three newspapers, printed in this city, such as the Members, respectively, shall chuse, to be delivered at their lodgings; provided they do not exceed the price at which subscribers, citizens of Philadelphia, are furnished with them.

Resolved, That the rules and orders of proceeding established by the late House of Representatives, shall be deemed and taken to be the rules and orders of proceeding to be observed in this House, until a revision or alteration of the same shall take place.

Mr. Marshall, from the Joint Committee appointed to wait on the President of the United States, and notify him that a quorum of the two Houses is assembled, and ready to receive any communications he may think proper to make to them, reported that the committee had, according to order, performed that service, and that the President signified to them that he would make a communication to both Houses of Congress to-morrow, at twelve o'clock, in the Representatives' Chamber.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1799.

Another member, to wit : James A. Bayard, from Delaware, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat in the House ; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Senate to inform them that this House is now ready to attend them in receiving the communication from the President of the United States, agreeably to his notification to both Houses yesterday ; and that the Clerk of this House do go with the said message.

The Clerk accordingly went with the said message, and being returned,

The Senate attended and took seats in the House ; when, both Houses being assembled, the President of the United States came into the Representatives' Chamber, and addressed them as followeth :

Gentlemen of the Senate, and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

It is with peculiar satisfaction that I meet the Sixth Congress of the United States of America. Coming from all parts of the Union, at this critical and interesting period, the members must be fully possessed of the sentiments and wishes of our constituents.

The flattering prospects of abundance, from the labors of the People, by land and by sea ; the prosperity of our extended commerce, notwithstanding interruptions occasioned by the belligerent state of a great part of the world ; the return of health, industry, and trade, to those cities which have lately been afflicted with disease ; and the various and inestimable advantages, civil and religious, which, secured under our happy frame of Government, are continued to us, unimpaired ; demand, of the whole American People, sincere thanks to a benevolent Deity, for the merciful dispensations of his providence.

But, while these numerous blessings are recollected, it is a painful duty to advert to the ungrateful return which has been made for them, by some of the People, in certain counties of Pennsylvania, where, seduced by the arts and misrepresentations of designing men, they have openly resisted the law directing the valuation of houses and lands. Such defiance was given to the civil authority as rendered hopeless all further attempts, by judicial process, to enforce the execution of the law ; and it became necessary to direct a military force to be employed, consisting of some companies of regular troops, volunteers, and militia, by whose zeal and activity, in co-operation with the judicial power, order and submission were restored, and many of the offenders arrested.

Of these, some have been convicted of misdemeanors; and others, charged with various crimes, remain to be tried.

To give due effect to the civil administration of Government, and to ensure a just execution of the laws, a revision and amendment of the judiciary system is indispensably necessary. In this extensive country it cannot but happen that numerous questions respecting the interpretation of the laws and the rights and duties of officers and citizens, must arise. On the one hand, the laws should be executed; on the other, individuals should be guarded from oppression. Neither of these objects is sufficiently assured under the present organization of the judicial department. I therefore earnestly recommend the subject to your serious consideration.

Persevering in the pacific and humane policy which had been invariably professed and sincerely pursued by the Executive authority of the United States, when indications were made on the part of the French Republic, of a disposition to accommodate the existing differences between the two countries, I felt it to be my duty to prepare for meeting their advances, by a nomination of Ministers upon certain conditions, which the honor of our country dictated, and which its moderation had given a right to prescribe. The assurances which were required of the French Government, previous to the departure of our Envoys, have been given through their Minister of Foreign Relations; and I have directed them to proceed on their mission to Paris. They have full power to conclude a treaty, subject to the Constitutional advice and consent of the Senate. The characters of these gentlemen are sure pledges to their country that nothing incompatible with its honor or interest, nothing inconsistent with our obligations of good faith or friendship to any other nation, will be stipulated.

It appearing probable, from the information I received, that our commercial intercourse with some ports in the island of St. Domingo, might safely be renewed, I took such steps as seemed to me expedient to ascertain that point: The result being satisfactory, I then, in conformity with the act of Congress on the subject, directed the restraints and prohibitions of that intercourse to be discontinued, on terms which were made known by proclamation. Since the renewal of this intercourse, our citizens, trading to those ports, with their property, have been duly respected, and privateering from those ports has ceased.

In examining the claims of British subjects, by the Commissioners at Philadelphia, acting under the sixth article of the treaty of amity, commerce, and navigation, with Great Britain, a difference of opinion, on points deemed essential, in the interpretation of that article, has arisen between the Commissioners appointed by the United States, and the other members of that Board, from which the former have thought it their duty to withdraw. It is sincerely to be regretted that the execution of an article produced by a mutual spirit of amity and justice, should have been thus unavoidably interrupted. It is, however, confidently expected that the same spirit of amity, and the same sense of justice in which it originated, will lead to satisfactory explanations. In consequence of the obstacles to the progress of the commission in Philadelphia, his Britannic Majesty has directed the Commissioners, appointed by him, under the seventh article of the treaty, relating to British captures of American vessels, to withdraw from the Board sitting in London: but with the express declaration of his determination to fulfil, with punctuality and good faith, the engagements which his Majesty has contracted by his treaty with the United States; and that they will be instructed to resume their functions, whenever the obstacles which impede the progress of the commission at Philadelphia shall be removed. It being, in like manner, my sincere determination, so far as the same depends on me, that, with equal punctuality and good faith, the engagements contracted by the United States in their treaties with his Britannic Majesty shall be fulfilled, I shall immediately instruct our Minister at London to endeavor to obtain the explanations necessary to a just performance of those engagements, on the part of the United States. With such dispositions on both sides, I cannot entertain a doubt that all difficulties will soon be removed, and that the two Boards will then proceed and bring the business committed to them, respectively, to a satisfactory conclusion.

The act of Congress relative to the seat of the Government of the United States, requiring that, on the first Monday of December next, it should be transferred from Philadelphia to the district chosen for its permanent seat, it is proper for me to inform you that the Commissioners appointed to provide suitable buildings for the accommodation of Congress and of the President, and for the public offices of the Government, have made a report of the state of the buildings designed for those purposes in the city of Washington; from which they conclude that the removal of the seat of Government to that place, at the time required, will be practicable, and the accommodations satisfactory. Their report will be laid before you.

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

I shall direct the estimates of the appropriations necessary for the service of the ensuing year, together with an account of the revenue and expenditure, to be laid before you. During a period in which a great portion of the civilized world has been involved in a war unusually calamitous and destructive, it was not to be expected that the United States could be exempted from extraordinary burthens. Although the period is not arrived when the measures adopted to secure our country against foreign attacks can be renounced, yet it is alike necessary to the honor of the Government and the satisfaction of the community, that an exact economy should be maintained. I invite you, gentlemen, to investigate the different branches of the public expenditure; the examination will lead to beneficial retrenchments, or produce a conviction of the wisdom of the measures to which the expenditure relates.

Gentlemen of the Senate, and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

At a period like the present, when momentous changes are occurring, and every hour is preparing new and great events in the political world; when a spirit of war is prevalent in almost every nation, with whose affairs the interests of the United States have any connection; unsafe and precarious would be our situation, were we to neglect the means of maintaining our just rights. The result of the mission to France is uncertain; but, however it may terminate, a steady perseverance in a system of national defence, commensurate with our resources, and the situation of our country, is an obvious dictate of wisdom: for, remotely as we are placed from the belligerent nations, and desirous as we are, by doing justice to all, to avoid offence to any, nothing short of the power of repelling aggressions, will secure to our country a rational prospect of escaping the calamities of war, or national degradation. As to myself, it is my anxious desire so to execute the trust reposed in me, as to render the People of the United States prosperous and happy. I rely, with entire confidence, on your co-operation in objects equally your care; and that our mutual labors will serve to increase and confirm union among our fellow citizens, and an unshaken attachment to our Government.

JOHN ADAMS.

UNITED STATES, *December 3d*, 1799.

The President of the United States then withdrew, and the two Houses separated.

On motion,

Ordered, That the speech of the President of the United States to both Houses, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1799.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the speech of the President of the United States to both Houses of Congress; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said speech under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee that a respectful address ought to be presented by the House of Representatives to the President of the United States, in answer to his speech to both Houses of Congress, at the commencement of the present Session, containing assurances that this House will duly attend to the important objects recommended by him to their consideration.

Ordered, That Mr. Marshall, Mr. Rutledge, Mr. Sewall, Mr. Livingston, and Mr. Nicholas, be appointed a committee to prepare an address, pursuant to the said resolution.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a resolution for the appointment of two Chaplains to Congress, of different denominations, for the present Session; one by each House, to interchange weekly; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said resolution was then read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House then proceeded, by ballot, to the appointment of a Chaplain, on the part of this House, and, upon examining the ballots, a majority of the votes of the whole House was found in favor of the Reverend Ashbel Green.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the letter of John Trumbull, Esq. which lay on the table: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said letter be referred to Mr. Livingston, Mr. Taliaferro, and Mr. Hill, with instruction to prepare and report the House an answer to the same.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1799.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying copies of two letters from the Commissioners of the city of Washington, with sundry documents marked 1 to 10, inclusively, exhibiting a view of the receipts and expenditures of all moneys entrusted to them, and of the progress and state of the business and funds under their administration, from the eighteenth of November, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, to the eighteenth of November, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Shaw, his Secretary, as followeth:

Gentlemen of the Senate, and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

I transmit to Congress certain documents which have relation to the communications made on Tuesday, on the subjects of the insurrection in Pennsylvania; the renewal of commerce with St. Domingo; and the mission to the French Republic.

JOHN ADAMS.

United States, December 5th, 1799.

The said message, together with the papers accompanying the same, were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That a Committee of Elections be appointed, pursuant to the standing rules and orders of the House;

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Dana, Mr. Sumter, Mr. Kittera, Mr. New, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Gordon, and Mr. Bailey.

Ordered, That a Committee of Claims be appointed, pursuant to the standing rules and orders of the House;

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Dwight Foster, Mr. Macon, Mr. Brace, Mr. Morris, Mr. Imlay, Mr. Hanna, and Mr. John Chew Thomas.

Ordered, That a Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be appointed, pursuant to the standing rules and orders of the House;

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Smith, Mr. Sewall, Mr. Waln, Mr. Rutledge, Mr. John Brown, Mr. Franklin Davenport, and Mr. Taliaferro.

Ordered, That a Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business be appointed, pursuant to the standing rules and orders of the House;

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Griswold, Mr. Evans, and Mr. Dent.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill for establishing a uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States.

Ordered, That Mr. Bayard, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Chauncey Goodrich, Mr. Sewall, and Mr. Harper, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to consider whether it be expedient to make any, and, if any, what, provision for the relief of persons imprisoned for debt; to report by bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Otis, Mr. Bird, and Mr. Stone, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have proceeded to the appointment of a Chaplain to Congress, on their part, and the Right Reverend Bishop White has been duly elected. And then he withdrew.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1799.

Two other members, to wit: from North Carolina, William Barry Grove; and from Virginia, Edwin Gray; appeared, produced their credentials, and took their seats in the

House ; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to them by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

A petition of Seth Nelson, attorney for Samuel Brown, a soldier in the fourth Massachusetts regiment, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for services performed by the said Samuel Brown, which has not been received, owing to the failure of the paymaster of the said regiment.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Marshall, from the committee, appointed on the fourth instant, to prepare and report an address to the President of the United States, in answer to his speech to both Houses of Congress, made a report ; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Livingston, from the committee to whom was referred, on the fourth instant, a letter from John Trumbull, Esquire, with instruction to prepare an answer to the same, made a report ; which was read and considered : Whereupon,

Resolved, That the two elegant prints offered by Mr. Trumbull, be accepted, and that the Speaker be requested to write an answer to his letter, expressive of the pleasure with which this House has observed his genius and talents exerted in the patriotic task of celebrating the events which led to his country's independence, and dedicated to the memory of those heroes who fell in its defence.

Ordered, That the speech of the President of the United States to both Houses be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1799.

Two other members, to wit : Josiah Parker and Robert Page, from Virginia, appeared, produced their credentials, and took their seats in the House ; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to them by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Treasurer of the United States, accompanying his account of the receipts and expenditures of public moneys, from the thirtieth of September, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, to the thirtieth of June, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, inclusive ; also, his accounts of payments and receipts for the War and Navy Departments, from the thirtieth of September, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, to the thirtieth of September, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, inclusive ; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee appointed to prepare an address in answer to the speech of the President of the United States to both Houses ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Dent reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their agreement to the same.

The said address being then read throughout at the Clerk's table,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the same, in the words following, to wit :

To the President of the United States :

SIR : While the House of Representatives contemplate the flattering prospects of abundance from the labors of the people by land and by sea ; the prosperity of our extended commerce, notwithstanding the interruptions occasioned by the belligerent state of a great part of the world ; the return of health, industry, and trade, to those cities which have lately been afflicted with disease ; and the various and inestimable advantages, civil and religious, which, secured under our happy frame of Government, are continued to us unimpaired ; we cannot fail to offer up to a benevolent Deity our sincere thanks for these, the merciful dispensations of his protecting providence.

That any portion of the People of America should permit themselves, amid such numerous blessings, to be seduced by the arts and misrepresentations of designing men, into an open resistance of a law of the United States, cannot be heard without deep and serious regret. Under a Constitution where the public burthens can only be imposed by the People themselves, for their own benefit, and to promote their own objects, a hope might well have been indulged that the general interest would have been too well understood, and the general welfare too highly prized, to have produced, in any of our citizens, a disposition to hazard so much felicity, by the criminal effort of a

part to oppose, with lawless violence, the will of the whole. While we lament that depravity which could produce a defiance of the civil authority, and render indispensable the aid of the military force of the nation, real consolation is to be derived from the promptness and fidelity with which that aid was afforded. That zealous and active co-operation with the judicial power, of the volunteers and militia called into service, which has restored order and submission to the laws, is a pleasing evidence of the attachment of our fellow citizens to their own free Government, and of the truly patriotic alacrity with which they will support it.

To give due effect to the civil administration of Government, and to insure a just execution of the laws, are objects of such real magnitude as to secure a proper attention to your recommendation of a revision and amendment of the judiciary system.

Highly approving, as we do, the pacific and humane policy which has been invariably professed, and sincerely pursued by the Executive authority of the United States; a policy which our best interests enjoined, and of which honor has permitted the observance; we consider as the most unequivocal proof of your inflexible perseverance in the same well chosen system, your preparation to meet the first indications on the part of the French Republic of a disposition to accommodate the existing differences between the two countries, by a nomination of Ministers on certain conditions, which the honor of our country unquestionably dictated, and which its moderation had certainly given it a right to prescribe. When the assurances thus required of the French Government, previous to the departure of our Envoys, had been given through their Minister of Foreign Relations, the direction that they should proceed on their mission was, on your part, a completion of the measure, and manifests the sincerity with which it was commenced. We offer up our fervent prayers to the Supreme Ruler of the Universe for the success of their embassy, and that it may be productive of peace and happiness to our common country. The uniform tenor of your conduct through a life useful to your fellow citizens and honorable to yourself, gives a sure pledge of the sincerity with which the avowed objects of the negotiation will be pursued on your part, and we earnestly pray that similar dispositions may be displayed on the part of France. The differences which unfortunately subsist between the two nations cannot fail, in that event, to be happily terminated. To produce this end, to all so desirable, firmness, moderation, and union at home, constitute, we are persuaded, the surest means. The character of the gentlemen you have deputed, and still more the character of the Government which deposes them, are safe pledges to their country that nothing incompatible with its honor or interest, nothing inconsistent with our obligations of good faith or friendship to any other nation will be stipulated.

We learn, with pleasure, that our citizens, with their property, trading to those ports of St. Domingo with which commercial intercourse has been renewed, have been duly respected, and that privateering from those ports has ceased.

With you, we sincerely regret that the execution of the sixth article of the treaty of amity, commerce, and navigation, with Great Britain, an article produced by a mutual spirit of amity and justice, should have been unavoidably interrupted. We doubt not that the same spirit of amity, and the same sense of justice in which it originated, will lead to satisfactory explanations; and we hear with approbation that our Minister at London will be immediately instructed to obtain them. While the engagements which America has contracted by her treaty with Great Britain, ought to be fulfilled with that scrupulous punctuality and good faith to which our Government has ever so tenaciously adhered; yet no motive exists to induce, and every principle forbids us to adopt, a construction which might extend them beyond the instrument by which they are created. We cherish the hope that the Government of Great Britain will disclaim such extension, and by cordially uniting with that of the United States, for the removal of all difficulties, will soon enable the Boards, appointed under the sixth and seventh articles of our treaty with that nation, to proceed, and bring the business committed to them, respectively, to a satisfactory conclusion.

The buildings for the accommodation of Congress and of the President, and for the public offices of the Government, at its permanent Seat, being in such a state as to admit of a removal to that District by the time prescribed by the act of Congress, no obstacle, it is presumed, will exist to a compliance with the law.

With you, sir, we deem the present period critical and momentous. The important changes which are occurring; the new and great events which are every hour preparing in the political world; the spirit of war which is prevalent in almost every nation with whose affairs the interests of the United States have any connection; demonstrate how unsafe and precarious would be our situation should we neglect the means of maintaining our just rights. Respecting, as we have ever done, the rights of others, America estimates too correctly the value of her own, and has received evidence, too complete,

that they are only to be preserved by her own vigilance, ever to permit herself to be seduced by a love of ease, or by other considerations, into that deadly disregard of the means of self-defence, which could only result from a carelessness as criminal as it would be fatal, concerning the future destinies of our growing Republic. The result of the mission to France is, indeed sir, uncertain. It depends not on America alone. The most pacific temper will not always ensure peace. We should, therefore, exhibit a system of conduct as indiscreet as it would be new in the history of the world, if we considered the negotiation happily terminated, because we have attempted to commence it, and peace restored, because we wish its restoration. But, sir, however this mission may terminate, a steady perseverance in a system of national defence, commensurate with our resources and the situation of our country, is an obvious dictate of duty. Experience, the parent of wisdom, and the great instructor of nations, has established the truth of your position, that remotely as we are placed from the belligerent nations, and desirous as we are, by doing justice to all, to avoid offence to any, yet nothing short of the power of repelling aggressions will secure to our country a rational prospect of escaping the calamities of war, or national degradation.

In the progress of the session we shall take into our serious consideration the various and important matters recommended to our attention.

A life devoted to the service of your country, talents and integrity which have so justly acquired, and so long retained, the confidence and affection of your fellow-citizens, attest the sincerity of your declaration that it is your anxious desire so to execute the trust reposed in you as to render the People of the United States prosperous and happy.

Resolved, That Mr. Speaker, attended by the House, do present the said address; and that Mr. Marshall, Mr. Rutledge, and Mr. Sewall, be a committee to wait on the President, to know when and where it will be convenient for him to receive the same.

The House, according to the standing order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Dent reported that the committee had, according to order, had the state of the Union under consideration, and come to several resolutions thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

The first resolution being twice read, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That so much of the speech of the President of the United States to both Houses of Congress, at the commencement of the present session, as relates to "a revision and amendment of the judiciary system," be referred to a committee, with leave to report by bill or bills, or otherwise.

On motion,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the second resolution reported from the Committee of the Whole House, be postponed until to-morrow.

The third resolution, being the second read, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That so much of the speech of the President of the United States to both Houses of Congress, at the commencement of the present session, as relates to "a system of national defence, commensurate with our resources and the situation of our country," be referred to a committee.

Ordered, That Mr. Harper, Mr. Chauncey Goodrich, Mr. Bayard, Mr. Marshall, and Mr. Sewall, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the first resolution.

Ordered, That Mr. Otis, Mr. Nicholas, Mr. Edmond, Mr. Abiel Foster, Mr. Champlin, Mr. Waln, and Mr. Hill, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the third resolution.

On motion,

Resolved, That a standing Committee of Ways and Means be appointed, whose duty it shall be to take into consideration all such reports of the Treasury Department, and all such propositions relative to the revenue, as may be referred to them by the House; to inquire into the state of the public debt; of the revenue; and of the expenditures; and to report, from time to time, their opinion thereon.

Ordered, That Mr. Harper, Mr. Griswold, Mr. Otis, Mr. Gallatin, Mr. Powell, Mr. John Brown, Mr. Stone, Mr. Nott, and Mr. Platt, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

On motion,

Ordered, That the credentials of William Henry Harrison, who has appeared as a Delegate from the Territory of the United States Northwest of the river Ohio, be referred to the Committee of Elections; and that they be directed to report whether the Territory is entitled to elect a Delegate who may have a seat in this House.

Mr. Marshall, from the committee appointed to wait on the President of the United States to know when and where it will be convenient for him to receive the address of

this House in answer to his speech to both Houses of Congress, reported that the committee had, according to order, waited on the President of the United States, who signified to them that it would be convenient to him to receive the said address at two o'clock to-morrow, at his own house.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1799.

Another member, to wit: Matthew Clay, from Virginia, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat in the House; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

The House resumed the consideration of the second resolution, reported yesterday, from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and the same being twice read at the Clerk's table, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That so much of the speech of the President of the United States to both Houses of Congress, at the commencement of the present session, as relates to "the expenditure of public moneys," be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire whether any, and what, provision ought to be made, by law, for the punishment of such persons as may be discovered in making attempts to alienate the affections of any Indian nation, tribe, or chief, from the United States, or exciting them to hostilities against the United States, or to the violation of any existing treaty; and that the said committee be authorized to report by bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Claiborne, Mr. Nicholas, Mr. Elizur Goodrich, Mr. Dickson, and Mr. Silas Lee, be appointed a committee pursuant to the said resolution.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire and report, by bill or otherwise, whether any, and what, alterations are necessary to be made in the judicial establishment of the Territory of the United States Northwest of the river Ohio.

Ordered, That Mr. Craik, Mr. Harrison, and Mr. Bird, be appointed a committee pursuant to the said resolution.

A petition of Lardner Clark, an inhabitant of Kaskaskias, in the Northwestern Territory, late a partner in the firm of Wikoff and Clark, of the said place, was presented to the House and read, praying the confirmation of a grant of a mill seat and tract of land adjoining thereto, in the vicinity of Kaskaskias, which grant was obtained from the French Government by Presque Passias, an inhabitant of the place aforesaid; purchased by William Wikoff, a partner as aforesaid, and assigned to the petitioner upon a division of the property of the firm of Wikoff and Clark.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Kittera, Mr. Harrison, and Mr. John Davenport; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report their opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. Griswold, from the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business, to whom it was referred to examine the Journal of the last session, and report therefrom all such matters of business as were then depending and undetermined, made a report, in part; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition of Nathaniel Libbey, a soldier in the first Massachusetts regiment, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for his services; his pay having been drawn from the paymaster of the said regiment by an order which was forged and counterfeit.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A petition of Joseph Stour and others, ship owners, inhabitants of the towns of Wells and Arundell, in the District of Maine, was presented to the House and read, praying that the said towns may compose a distinct and separate district; and that the port of Kennebunk, within the same, may be the port of entry thereof.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion,

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a bill or bills providing for an enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States; and that the Committee of Ways and Means do prepare and bring in the same.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire whether any, and what, amendments are necessary to be made in the acts establishing a post office and post roads within the United States.

Ordered, That Mr. Thatcher, Mr. Woods, Mr. Claiborne, Mr. Grove, and Mr. New, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of State, enclosing abstracts of all the returns made to him, by the Collectors of the different ports, of registered seamen and of impressed seamen ; together with a report exhibiting abstracts of the communications received by him from the agents employed by virtue of the "act to revive, and continue in force, certain parts of the act for the relief and protection of American seamen, and to amend the same," made in pursuance of the said act ; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker, attended by the House, then withdrew to the house of the President of the United States, and there presented to him the address of this House in answer to his speech to both Houses of Congress ; to which the President made the following reply :

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

This very respectful address from the Representatives of the People of the United States, at their first assembly after a fresh election, under the strong impression of the public opinion and national sense, at this interesting and singular crisis of our public affairs, has excited my sensibility, and receives my sincere and grateful acknowledgments.

As long as we can maintain, with harmony and affection, the honor of our country, consistently with its peace, externally and internally, while that is attainable ; or in war, when that becomes necessary, assert its real independence and sovereignty, and support the Constitutional energies and dignity of its Government, we may be perfectly sure, under the smiles of Divine Providence, that we shall effectually promote and extend our national interest and happiness.

The applause of the Senate and House of Representatives, so justly bestowed upon the volunteers and militia, for their zealous and active co-operation with the judicial power, which has restored order and submission to the laws, as it comes with peculiar weight and propriety from the Legislature, cannot fail to have an extensive and permanent effect, for the support of Government, upon all those ingenuous minds who receive delight from the approving and animating voice of their country.

JOHN ADAMS.

United States, December 10, 1799.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1799.

Another member, to wit : Henry Lee, from Virginia, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat in the House ; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

Ordered, That the memorial of sundry inhabitants of the county of Dorchester, in the State of Maryland, presented the twenty-first of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, and the petition of the said inhabitants, presented the tenth of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, be referred to the committee appointed yesterday to inquire whether any, and what, alterations are necessary in the acts establishing a post office and post roads within the United States.

The Speaker laid before the House a report of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, enclosing a report to them from the Secretary of the Treasury, and sundry official statements of the accounting officers of the Treasury Department, relative to the measures which have been authorized by the said Commissioners for purchasing the public debt, subsequent to their report of the fifteenth of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight ; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means have leave to bring in a bill further to amend the act, entitled "An act to provide for the valuation of lands and dwelling houses, and the enumeration of slaves within the United States."

The House proceeded to consider the report made yesterday, by the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business, which lay on the table ; and so much thereof as is contained in the last clause being again read, in the words following, to wit :

"Your committee further report their opinion that all petitions, depending and undecided at the last session, ought to be taken up and acted upon by the House, as the same may be called for by any member, or upon the application of the individual claimant or petitioner."

The question was taken that the House do agree to the same,
And resolved in the affirmative,

Ordered, That the petitions of Campbell Smith, presented the eleventh of June, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, and of Anthony Foster, attorney for Jhon Pitchlynn, presented the sixteenth of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1799.

A petition of Bartholomew Von Heer was presented to the House and read, praying to be placed on the list of pensioners, in consideration of injuries received whilst a captain of dragoons in the Army of the United States, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, which have rendered him incapable of obtaining his livelihood by labor.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Ordered, That the petition of Robert Hooper, presented the twenty-ninth of November, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed, whose duty it shall be to make an inquiry into the state of the Naval equipment ordered by former acts of Congress; and to consider whether any, and what, other Naval force may be necessary for the protection of the commerce of the United States and the support of their flag; and whether any, and what, alterations ought to be made in the laws relative to the Navy of the United States.

Ordered, That Mr. Parker, Mr. Otis, Mr. Rutledge, Mr. Craik, and Mr. Champlin, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

Ordered, That the memorial of James Somervill and Henry T. Compton, guardians of the orphan children of the late Major Alexander Trueman, presented the fourteenth of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations ought to be made in the law, entitled "An act to prohibit the carrying on the slave trade from the United States to any foreign place or country;" and that the said committee have power to report by bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Dwight Foster, Mr. Bird, and Mr. Jones, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1799.

Two other members, to wit: from Pennsylvania, Thomas Hartley, and from Virginia, Joseph Eggleston, appeared, produced their credentials, and took their seats in the House; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to them by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of the State of New Hampshire, presented the sixth of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, be referred to the committee appointed, on the tenth instant, to inquire whether any, and what, amendments are necessary to be made in the acts establishing a post office and post roads within the United States.

A petition of Robert Sturgeon, now confined in the gaol of the county of Mifflin, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, was presented to the House and read, praying to be relieved from the confinement to which he is subjected, in consequence of his having converted to his own use a certain sum of money which he received as a collector of the revenue of the United States, for the said county of Mifflin, and is unable to refund.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to a Committee of the Whole House.

A petition of Joshua Whitney, by Timothy Winn, his agent, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for services performed by the petitioner, whilst a soldier in the fourth Massachusetts regiment of the Army of the United States, during the late war, which has not been received, owing to the failure of the paymaster of the said regiment.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Ordered, That the several petitions of Susannah Fowle, presented the twenty-seventh of October, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one; of William Boyce, presented the twenty-eighth of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight; and of William Donaldson, by Lewis Dewees, his attorney, presented the twenty-fifth of Feb-

ruary, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine ; be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Claiborne, from the committee appointed for the purpose, presented, according to order, a bill for the preservation of peace with the Indian tribes ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

Mr. Otis, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill extending the privilege of franking to William Henry Harrison, the Delegate from the Territory of the United States Northwest of the Ohio, and making provision for his compensation ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Dana, from the standing Committee of Elections, reported that the committee had, according to order, in part, examined the certificates and other credentials of the members returned to serve in this House, and had agreed upon a report ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was read, and is as followeth :

“ It appears to your committee, that, from the credentials which have been examined, the following members are entitled to seats in the House, to wit :

From New Hampshire,

{ Abiel Foster,
Jonathan Freeman, and
William Gordon.

From Massachusetts,

{ Bailey Barlett,
Phanuel Bishop,
Dwight Foster,
Silas Lee,
Samuel Lyman,
Harrison G. Otis,
John Reed,
Theodore Sedgwick,
Samuel Sewall,
William Shepard,
George Thacher,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Peleg Wadsworth, and
Lemuel Williams.

From Rhode Island,

{ Christopher G. Champlin, and
John Brown.

From Connecticut,

{ Jonathan Brace,
William Edmond,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
Chauncey Goodrich,
Elizur Goodrich, and
Roger Griswold.

From Vermont,

{ Lewis R. Morris, and
Matthew Lyon.

From New York,

{ Theodorus Bailey,
John Bird,
William Cooper,
Lucas Elmendorf,
Henry Glen,
Edward Livingston,
Jonas Platt,
John Thompson, and
Philip Van Cortlandt.

From New Jersey,

{ John Condit,
Franklin Davenport,
James H. Imlay,
Aaron Kitchell, and
James Linn.

From Pennsylvania,

Robert Brown,
Albert Gallatin,
Andrew Gregg,
John A. Hanna,
Thomas Hartley,
Joseph Heister,
John Wilkes Kittera,
Michael Leib,
Peter Muhlenberg,
John Smilie,
Richard Thomas,
Robert Waln, and
Henry Woods.

From Delaware,

James A. Bayard.

From Maryland,

George Baer, jun.
Gabriel Christie,
William Craik,
George Dent,
Joseph Hopper Nicholson,
Samuel Smith, and
John Chew Thomas.

From Virginia,

Matthew Clay,
John Dawson,
Joseph Eggleston,
Thomas Evans,
Edwin Gray,
David Holmes,
George Jackson,
Henry Lee,
John Marshall,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
Robert Page,
Josiah Parker,
Leven Powell,
John Randolph,
Abram Trigg, and
John Trigg.

From North Carolina,

Will's Alston,
Joseph Dickson,
William Barry Grove,
Archibald Henderson,
William Henry Hill,
Nathaniel Macon,
Richard Stanford, and
David Stone.

From South Carolina,

Robert Goodloe Harper, and
Abraham Nott.

From Georgia,

James Jones, and
Benjamin Taliaferro.

From Tennessee,

William Charles Cole Claiborne.

Mr. Dana, from the same committee, to whom were referred the credentials of William Henry Harrison, the Delegate from the Territory of the United States Northwest of the river Ohio, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-day.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed two bills: one entitled "An act for reviving and continuing suits and proceedings in the Circuit Court for the District of Pennsylvania;" and another entitled "An act for the relief of persons imprisoned for debt;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Griswold, from the Committee of Ways and Means, presented, according to or-

der, a bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to provide for the valuation of lands and dwelling houses, and the enumeration of slaves within the United States;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Griswold, from the same committee, presented, according to order, a bill providing for the enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of persons imprisoned for debt," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Elections, to whom were referred the credentials of William Henry Harrison, the Delegate from the Territory of the United States Northwest of the river Ohio; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth:

Resolved, That William Henry Harrison, a Delegate to Congress from the Territory of the United States Northwest of the river Ohio, be admitted to have a seat in this House, with the right of debating, but not of voting.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for reviving and continuing suits and proceedings in the Circuit Court for the District of Pennsylvania," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time; and,

On motion,

The said bill was read the third time;

And, on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to report whether any, and, if any, what, alterations are necessary to be made in the militia law of the United States.

Ordered, That Mr. Henry Lee, Mr. Smith, Mr. Morris, Mr. Shepard, Mr. Dickson, Mr. Taliaferro, and Mr. Sumter, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

On motion,

Ordered, That Mr. Wadsworth and Mr. Gray be appointed a Committee for Enrolled Bills, on the part of this House, jointly, with such committee as shall be appointed, for that purpose, on the part of the Senate.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1799.

A petition of Robert and Walter Colquhoun, merchants and partners, of the town of Petersburg, in the State of Virginia, was presented to the House and read, praying that they may be exonerated from the payment of duties upon certain goods and merchandise, imported by them in the ship Juno, from London, and bonded for by their agent, at the port of Norfolk; which were either lost or damaged in the schooner Lady Washington, on her passage from Norfolk to Petersburg, the place of residence of the said petitioners.

Also, a petition of Henry Stouffer and Andrew Wallace, surviving partners of the firm of Stouffer, Closs, and Wallace, of the City of Baltimore, praying that an American register may be granted them, for a certain French armed vessel, lately captured in virtue of an act of Congress, entitled "An act further to protect the commerce of the United

States," by a private armed ship, owned by a citizen of the United States, condemned as lawful prize, by a decree of a British Court of Admiralty in the Island of Tortola, and purchased by Andrew Wallace, for and in behalf of the said firm of Stouffer, Closs, and Wallace.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Ordered, That the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of John Vaughan, made the twenty-first of February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of persons imprisoned for debt," be discharged from the consideration of the same; and that the said bill be referred to the committee appointed, on the fifth instant, to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, provision ought to be made for the relief of persons imprisoned for debt.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill extending the privilege of franking to William Henry Harrison, the Delegate from the Territory of the United States Northwest of the Ohio, and making provision for his compensation; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-day.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have appointed Mr. Wells of the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, on their part. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Smith, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented, according to order, a bill providing for salvage, in cases of re-capture; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to provide for the valuation of lands and dwelling-houses, and the enumeration of slaves within the United States;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

An engrossed bill extending the privilege of franking to William Henry Harrison, the Delegate from the Territory of the United States Northwest of the Ohio, and making provision for his compensation, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act extending the privilege of franking to William Henry Harrison, the Delegate from the Territory of the United States Northwest of the Ohio, and making provision for his compensation."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1799.

An engrossed bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to provide for the valuation of lands and dwelling-houses, and the enumeration of slaves within the United States," was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to provide for the valuation of lands and dwelling-houses, and the enumeration of slaves within the United States.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of sundry French officers, prisoners of war, confined in the prison of Burlington, in the State of New Jersey, was presented to the House and read, stating their present painful situation, and praying that the same may be ameliorated, or that they may be permitted to return to their own, or a neutral country.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Navy, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Augusta and Amherst, in the State of Virginia, was presented to the House and read, praying that a post road may be established between Staunton and Cabellsburg, in the said State.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed to inquire whether any, and what, amendments are necessary to be made in the acts establishing a post office and post roads within the United States.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanied with a report and estimates of the sums necessary to be appropriated for the service of the year one thousand eight hundred; also, a statement of the receipts and expenditures at the Treasury of the United States, for one year preceding the first day of October, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine; which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Woodstock, in the county of Ulster, in the State of New York, presented the twentieth of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, and of the counties of Tioga and Delaware, in the said State, presented the third of May, in the same year, be referred to the committee appointed to inquire whether any, and what, amendments are necessary to be made in the acts establishing a post office and post roads within the United States.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1799.

Another member, to wit: Samuel Goode, from Virginia, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat in the House; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

Mr. Wadsworth, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act for reviving and continuing suits and proceedings in the Circuit Court for the district of Pennsylvania," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House of Representatives of the United States, having received intelligence of the death of their highly valued fellow citizen, GEORGE WASHINGTON, General of the Armies of the United States, and sharing the universal grief this distressing event must produce,

Unanimously resolve,

1. That this House will wait on the President of the United States, in condolence of this national calamity.

2. That the Speaker's chair be shrouded with black, and that the members and officers of the House wear mourning, during the session.

3. That a joint committee of both Houses be appointed to report measures suitable to the occasion, and expressive of the profound sorrow with which Congress is penetrated on the loss of a citizen, first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen.

4. That when this House adjourns, it will adjourn until Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. Marshall and Mr. Smith be appointed a committee to wait on the President of the United States, to know when and where he will receive this House for the purpose expressed in the first resolution.

Ordered, That Mr. Marshall, Mr. Craik, Mr. Henry Lee, Mr. Eggleston, Mr. Smith, Mr. Stone, Mr. Rutledge, Mr. Abiel Foster, Mr. Muhlenberg, Mr. Van Cortlandt, Mr. Dwight Foster, Mr. Franklin Davenport, Mr. Claiborne, Mr. Morris, Mr. John Brown, and Mr. Taliaferro, be a committee, jointly, with such committee as may be appointed on the part of the Senate, for the purpose expressed in the third resolution.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A written message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Shaw, his Secretary, which, together with the letter accompanying the same, was read, and referred to the committee last appointed, and is as follows:

Gentlemen of the Senate, and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

The letter herewith transmitted, will inform you that it has pleased Divine Providence to remove from this life our excellent fellow citizen GEORGE WASHINGTON, by the purity of his character, and a long series of services to his country, rendered illustrious through the world. It remains for an affectionate and grateful People, in whose hearts he can never die, to pay suitable honors to his memory.

JOHN ADAMS.

UNITED STATES, December 19, 1799.

“ MOUNT VERNON, December 15, 1799.

“ SIR : It is with inexpressible grief that I have to announce to you the death of the great and good General WASHINGTON. He died last evening, between ten and eleven o'clock, after a short illness of about twenty hours. His disorder was an inflammatory sore throat, which proceeded from a cold, of which he made but little complaint on Friday. On Saturday morning about three o'clock, he became ill : Doctor Craik attended him in the morning, and Doctor Dick, of Alexandria, and Doctor Brown, of Port Tobacco, were soon after called in. Every medical assistance was offered, but without the desired effect. His last scene corresponded with the whole tenor of his life ; not a groan, nor a complaint, escaped him in extreme distress. With perfect resignation, and in full possession of his reason, he closed his well-spent life.

“ I have the honor to be, with the highest respect, Sir, your most obedient and very humble servant,

“ TOBIAS LEAR.

“ *The President of the United States.*”

Mr. Marshall, from the committee appointed to wait on the President of the United States, to know when and where it will be convenient for him to receive this House in condolence of the national calamity, reported that the committee had, according to order, performed that service, and that the President signified to them it would be convenient for him to receive this House at one o'clock this afternoon, at his own house.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have agreed to the resolution passed by the House of Representatives for the appointment of a joint committee of both Houses to report measures suitable to the occasion, and expressive of the profound sorrow with which Congress is penetrated on the loss of a citizen, first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen ; and have appointed Mr. Dayton, Mr. Bingham, Mr. Dexter, Mr. Gunn, Mr. Lawrance, and Mr. Tracey, a committee on their part. And then he withdrew.

The Speaker, attended by the House, then withdrew to the house of the President of the United States, when Mr. Speaker addressed the President as follows :

SIR : The House of Representatives, penetrated with a sense of the irreparable loss sustained by the nation in the death of that great and good man, the illustrious and beloved WASHINGTON, wait on you, Sir, to express their condolence on this melancholy and distressing event.

To which the President replied as follows :

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

I receive, with great respect and affection, the condolence of the House of Representatives, on the melancholy and affecting event, in the death of the most illustrious and beloved personage which this country ever produced. I sympathize with you, with the nation, and with good men through the world, in this irreparable loss sustained by us all.

JOHN ADAMS.

UNITED STATES, December 19, 1799.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1799.

Several other members, to wit : from Kentucky, Thomas T. Davis ; from North Carolina, Robert Williams ; and from Maryland, John Dennis ; appeared, produced their credentials, and took their seats in the House ; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to them by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

A petition of Seth Noble, an inhabitant of Bangor, in the State of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, praying to be indemnified for the loss of certain property in Nova Scotia, which he was obliged to abandon, and which was confiscated by the British, in consequence of his attachment to the American cause during their Revolution.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A petition of John Haggin and others, inhabitants and settlers on certain lands North of the patent granted to John Cleves Symmes, between the Great and Little Miami rivers, purchased by them from the said Symmes, was presented to the House and read, praying a repeal of the act, entitled “ An act to authorize the sale of certain lands between the Great and Little Miami rivers, in the Territory of the United States Northwest of the river Ohio, and for giving a pre-emption to certain purchasers and settlers ;” that the said Symmes may be permitted to complete his contract with the United

States, by the payment of the sums due thereon; or, in failure thereof, that they may be allowed, by the United States, to retain the said lands upon terms and conditions similar to those of their original purchase from the said Symmes.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House to whom was referred the petition of Robert Sturgeon, presented the sixteenth instant, be discharged from the consideration of the same, and that the said petition be referred to the committee to whom was referred, on the seventeenth instant, the bill sent from the Senate, entitled, "An act for the relief of persons imprisoned for debt."

Ordered, That the petition of John M'Vickar, presented the twenty-eighth of February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A petition of Nicholas J. Roosevelt, in behalf of himself and associates, was presented to the House and read, praying that an act of incorporation may be granted to him and his associates, for the purpose of raising an adequate fund for the working of Schuyl-er's copper mine, and the prosecution of the works therewith connected; and, also, that permission may be granted them to apply part of their fund to the purchase and working of any other copper mine within the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

A petition of Thomas Burling, and others, inhabitants of the Mississippi Territory, in behalf of themselves and the People of the said Territory, was presented to the House and read, praying the confirmation of all grants of lands legally and justly obtained from the Spanish Government, prior to the ratification of the late treaty between the United States and his Catholic Majesty.

Also, a petition of John Henderson, and others, inhabitants of the Natchez, in the said Territory, praying the aid and patronage of Congress in the establishment of a regular ministry of the Gospel among them, and of schools for the education of their youth.

Ordered, That the said petitions do lie on the table.

Mr. Otis, from the committee to whom was referred the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of persons imprisoned for debt," reported several amendments thereto; which were read, and, together with the said bill, ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

Mr. Marshall, from the joint committee appointed to prepare and report measures suitable to the occasion, and expressive of the profound sorrow with which Congress is penetrated on the loss of their highly valued fellow-citizen GEORGE WASHINGTON, General of the Armies of the United States, made a report, in part; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read and considered: Whereupon,

It was resolved that the House do unanimously agree to the following resolutions, to wit:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That a Marble Monument be erected by the United States, in the Capitol, at the City of Washington; and that the family of General WASHINGTON be requested to permit his body to be deposited under it; and that the Monument be so designed as to commemorate the great events of his military and political life.

And be it further resolved, That there be a funeral procession from Congress Hall to the German Lutheran Church, in honor of the memory of General GEORGE WASHINGTON, on Thursday, the twenty-sixth instant, and that an oration be prepared at the request of Congress, to be delivered before both Houses, on that day; and that the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives, be desired to request one of the Members of Congress to prepare and deliver the same.

And be it further resolved, That it be recommended to the People of the United States to wear crape on the left arm, as mourning, for thirty days.

And be it further resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to direct a copy of these resolutions to be transmitted to Mrs. Washington, assuring her of the profound respect Congress will ever bear to her person and character; of their condolence on the late afflicting dispensation of Providence; and entreating her assent to the interment of the remains of General GEORGE WASHINGTON, in the manner expressed in the first resolution.

And be it further resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to issue a proclamation, notifying to the People throughout the United States the recommendation contained in the third resolution.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said resolutions to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have agreed to the resolutions passed by the House of Representatives, directing certain measures to be taken suitable to the occasion, and expressive of the profound sorrow with which Congress is penetrated on the loss of their highly valued fellow citizen GEORGE WASHINGTON, General of the Armies of the United States. And then he withdrew.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1799.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations are necessary in the laws authorizing the sale of the lands of the United States Northwest of the Ohio ; and report to the House their opinion thereon.

Ordered, That Mr. Harrison, Mr. Brace, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Davis, Mr. Grove, Mr. Lyman, and Mr. Gallatin, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled " An act supplementary to the act, entitled ' An act to provide for the valuation of lands and dwelling houses, and the enumeration of slaves within the United States.' " And then he withdrew.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, amendments are necessary to an act, entitled " An act to lay and collect a direct tax within the United States ; " and that the committee be authorized to report by bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That the said resolution be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Ordered, That the petitions of John Henderson and others, and of Thomas Burling, and others, inhabitants of the Mississippi Territory, presented yesterday, be referred to Mr. Sewall, Mr. Chauncey Goodrich, Mr. Wain, Mr. Evans, and Mr. Hill ; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of John Cook, and others, actual settlers in the county of Jefferson, in the Northwestern Territory, was presented to the House and read, praying that they may be allowed the pre-emption right to lands upon which they are or may be settled ; and that a law may be passed for the sale of the lands belonging to the United States, in quantities suitable to the circumstances of the purchasers.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed, this day, to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations are necessary in the laws authorizing the sale of the lands of the United States Northwest of the Ohio ; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Wadsworth, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, yesterday, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled " An act for reviving and continuing suits and proceedings in the Circuit Court for the District of Pennsylvania. "

Mr. Griswold, from the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business, to whom it was referred to examine and report what laws have expired, or are near expiring, and require to be revived or further continued, made a report, in part ; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Gray, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined the enrolled resolutions directing certain measures to be taken in honor of the memory of General GEORGE WASHINGTON, and had found the same to be truly enrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled resolutions.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Wadsworth, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, the enrolled resolutions directing certain measures to be taken in honor of the memory of General GEORGE WASHINGTON.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : I am directed to inform this House that the President of the United States did, this day, approve and sign an act, which originated in the Senate, entitled " An act for reviving and continuing suits and proceedings in the Circuit Court for the District of Pennsylvania. " And then he withdrew.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Shaw, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign the enrolled resolutions, which originated in this House, in honor of the memory of General GEORGE WASHINGTON.

The Speaker informed the House that, conformably to the resolution of Congress, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives had requested Major General Henry Lee, one of the Representatives from the State of Virginia, to prepare and deliver a funeral oration before both Houses, on Thursday, the twenty-sixth instant, in honor of the memory of GEORGE WASHINGTON, late General of the Armies of the United States ; and that Mr. Lee had been pleased to accept of the appointment.

On motion,

Ordered, That the petition of George Farragut, presented the twenty-second of February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, together with the report of the Secretary of War thereon, made the twenty-fifth of the same month, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The House adjourned until Thursday morning half past ten o'clock.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1799.

This being the day appointed by the resolution of Congress for the funeral procession in honor of the memory of GEORGE WASHINGTON, late General of the Armies of the United States, the House proceeded to the German Lutheran Church, where they attended the funeral oration prepared and delivered on the occasion, by Major General Lee, one of the members of this House, for the State of Virginia : And, having returned,

The House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1799.

Another member, to wit : John Fowler, from Kentucky, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat in the House ; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

A petition of sundry inhabitants of Wareham, in the county of Plymouth, and State of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, praying that a post-road may be established from New Bedford to Sandwich, in the said State.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations are necessary in the law establishing a post office and post roads within the United States.

A petition of Samuel Selby, 3d, late Collector of the Revenue in the fourth division of the second survey of the District of Maryland, now confined in the prison of Allegany county, in the said State, was presented to the House and read, praying to be relieved from the confinement to which he is subjected, in consequence of his having converted to his own use moneys which he received as Collector as aforesaid, and is unable to refund.

Also, a petition of Lawrence Erb, late Collector of the Revenue of the United States within the county of Northampton, in the State of Pennsylvania, to the same effect.

Ordered; That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of persons imprisoned for debt."

A petition of John Smith, and others, inhabitants of the Northwestern Territory, was presented to the House and read, praying a repeal or amendment of the laws authorizing the sale of the lands of the United States Northwest of the river Ohio ; and that they may be allowed to purchase lands of the United States, on terms and in quantities suitable to their circumstances.

Also, a petition of James Grubb, and others, inhabitants of the said Territory, to the same effect.

Also, a petition of Andrew Small, and others, inhabitants of the Territory aforesaid, and actual settlers upon lands purchased of John Cleves Symmes, praying for a revision and amendment of the acts authorizing the sale of the lands of the United States in the Territory Northwest of the river Ohio, and that they may be allowed to retain the possession of the said lands upon terms more favorable and better suited to their situation than those contemplated by the said acts.

Ordered, That the said petitions, together with the petition of John Haggin, and others, presented the twenty-third instant, be referred to the committee appointed, on the twenty-fourth instant, to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations are necessary in the laws authorizing the sale of the lands of the United States Northwest of the Ohio.

The Speaker laid before the House a report of the Secretary of the Navy on the petition of sundry French officers confined in the prison of Burlington, in the State of New Jersey, referred to him on the eighteenth instant; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the petitions of Alexander Spotswood, presented the twenty-eighth of February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, and of Temple Elliot, presented the nineteenth of February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of persons imprisoned for debt;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

And, on the question that the Committee of the Whole House have leave to sit again on the said bill,

It passed in the negative.

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House be discharged therefrom, and that the said bill be re committed to the committee appointed, on the fifth instant, to inquire whether it be expedient to make any, and, if any, what, provision for the relief of persons imprisoned for debt.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution, to wit:

The House of Representatives of the United States, highly gratified with the manner in which Mr. Lee has performed the service assigned to him under the resolution desiring the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives to request one of the members of Congress to prepare and deliver a funeral oration on the death of GEORGE WASHINGTON; and desirous of communicating to their fellow citizens, through the medium of the press, those sentiments of respect for the character, of gratitude for the services, and of grief for the death of that illustrious personage, which, felt by all, have, on this melancholy occasion, been so well expressed:

Resolved, That the Speaker present the thanks of this House to Mr. Lee, for the oration delivered by him to both Houses of Congress on Thursday, the twenty-sixth instant; and request that he will permit a copy thereof to be taken for publication:

The question was taken that the House do agree to the same,

And unanimously resolved in the affirmative.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act extending the privilege of franking to William Henry Harrison, the Delegate from the Territory of the United States Northwest of the Ohio, and making provision for his compensation." And then he withdrew.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1799.

Mr. Otis, from the committee to whom was re-committed the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of persons imprisoned for debt," made a report; which was read, and, together with the said bill, ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The Speaker informed the House that, in pursuance of the resolution of Friday last, he had addressed to Major General Henry Lee, one of the members for the State of Virginia, the following letter:

"PHILADELPHIA, December 27, 1799.

"DEAR SIR: The enclosed resolutions, which unanimously passed the House of Representatives this day, will make known to you how highly they have been gratified with the manner in which you have performed the service assigned to you, in preparing and delivering a funeral oration on the death of General WASHINGTON. That our constituents may participate in the gratification we have received, from your having so well ex-

pressed those sentiments of respect for the character, of gratitude for the services, and of grief for the death of that illustrious personage, I flatter myself you will not hesitate to comply with the request of the House, by furnishing a copy of your oration, to be taken for publication.

“Allow me, while performing this pleasing task of official duty in communicating an act of the Representatives of the People, so just to you and so honorable to themselves, to embrace the opportunity to declare that

“I am, personally, with great esteem and sincere regard,

“Dear sir, your friend and obedient servant,

“THEODORE SEDGWICK.

“The honorable Maj. Gen. LEE.”

To which Mr. Lee had replied as follows :

“FRANKLIN COURT, *December 28, 1799.*

“DEAR SIR : I owe to the goodness of the House of Representatives, the honor which their resolutions confer on my humble efforts to execute their wish.

“I can never disobey their will, and therefore will furnish a copy of the oration delivered on the late afflicting occasion, much as I had flattered myself with a different disposition of it.

“Sincerely reciprocating the personal considerations with which you honor me,

“I am, very respectfully, sir,

“Your friend and obedient servant,

“HENRY LEE.

“The SPEAKER of the House of Representatives.”

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Treasurer of the United States, accompanying his account of the receipts and expenditures of public moneys, from the first of July to the thirtieth of September, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, inclusive ; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill providing for the enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Parker reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

A motion was then made and seconded further to amend the said bill, by striking out, from the sixth and seventh lines of the first section, the words “*under the direction of the Secretary of State, and according to such instructions as he shall give pursuant to this act ;*” and the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 39,
 { Nays 45.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston,
Theodorus Bailey,
Phanuel Bishop,
Robert Brown,
Gabriel Christie,
Matthew Clay,
William Charles Cole Claiborne,
Thomas T. Davis,
John Dawson,
George Dent,
Joseph Eggleston,
John Fowler,
Albert Gallatin,
Samuel Goode,
Andrew Gregg,
John A. Hanna,
Joseph Heister,
David Holmes,
George Jackson,
James Jones,

Aaron Kitchell,
Henry Lee,
Michael Leib,
Matthew Lyon,
Nathaniel Macon,
Peter Muhlenberg,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
Robert Page,
John Randolph,
John Smilie,
Richard Stanford,
Thomas Sumter,
Benjamin Taliaferro,
John Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
Philip Van Cortlandt, and
Robert Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

George Baer,
Bailey Bartlett,
John Bird,
Jonathan Brace,
John Brown,
Christopher G. Champlin,
William Cooper,
William Craik,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
Joseph Dickson,
William Edmond,
Thomas Evans,
Abiel Foster,
Dwight Foster,
Jonathan Freeman,
Henry Glen,
Chauncey Goodrich,
Elizur Goodrich,
William Gordon,
Edwin Gray,
Roger Griswold,
William Barry Grove,

William H. Hill,
James H. Imlay,
Silas Lee,
Samuel Lyman,
John Marshall,
Lewis R. Morris,
Abraham Nott,
Harrison G. Otis,
Josiah Parker,
Jonas Platt,
Leven Powell,
John Reed,
John Rutledge, junior,
Samuel Sewall,
William Shepard,
George Thatcher,
John Chew Thomas,
Richard Thomas,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Robert Waln,
Lemuel Williams, and
Henry Woods.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Marshall, from the Joint Committee appointed to prepare and report measures in honor of the memory of General GEORGE WASHINGTON, made a farther report, in part; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

It was unanimously resolved that the House do agree to the following resolutions:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it be recommended to the People of the United States to assemble, on the twenty-second day of February next, in such numbers and manner as may be convenient, publicly to testify their grief for the death of General GEORGE WASHINGTON, by suitable eulogies, orations, and discourses, or by public prayers.

And it is further resolved, That the President be requested to issue a proclamation, for the purpose of carrying the foregoing resolution into effect.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said resolutions to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1799.

An engrossed bill providing for the enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act providing for the enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A memorial of Charles Pettit, of the city of Philadelphia, surviving partner of Major General Greene and John Cox, in the late office of Quartermaster General of the United States, was presented to the House and read, praying that the proper officers may be directed to add to the credit of the account of General Greene, as Quartermaster General, such farther sums as shall appear to be just and reasonable, on the final settlement of his accounts with the United States; that the balance found to be due to the Department of Quartermaster General, may be paid to the memorialist, who is legally authorized to receive the same; and that an opportunity may be afforded him of laying before the House such documents and observations as may be requisite to a fair understanding of the merits of his claim.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

A petition of Benjamin Bird was presented to the House and read, praying for the renewal of sundry Loan Office certificates, the property of the petitioner, which were

lost or destroyed on the twenty-seventh of April, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight.

Also, a petition of James Steel, praying to be placed on the pension list, in consideration of wounds and injuries received, whilst a soldier in the Army of the United States, during the late war.

Also, a petition of Sarah Hooton, widow and executrix of Elijah Hooton, late of Brandywine Hundred, and county of Newcastle, in the State of Delaware, deceased, praying to be indemnified for certain property belonging to the deceased, which was taken for and applied to the use of the Army of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Wadsworth, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined two enrolled bills: one entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to provide for the valuation of lands and dwelling houses, and the enumeration of slaves within the United States;'" and the other entitled "An act extending the privilege of franking to William Henry Harrison, the Delegate from the Territory of the United States Northwest of the Ohio, and making provision for his compensation;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have agreed to the resolutions of this House directing further measures in honor of the memory of General GEORGE WASHINGTON. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of persons imprisoned for debt;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, amended, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill providing for salvage in cases of re-capture; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the sixteenth instant, the petition of William Donaldson, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The further order of the day was postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 1800.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of persons imprisoned for debt," together with the amendments agreed to yesterday, was read the third time;

And, on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, proceeded in the third reading of the bill providing for salvage, in cases of re-capture: Whereupon,

A motion was made, and the question being put, that the said bill be now re-committed to a Committee of the Whole House,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The House, accordingly, resolved itself into the said committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment to the first section thereof; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said section, with the amendment, be engrossed, and, together with the said bill, now read the third time.

The said section, as amended, being accordingly brought in engrossed, the said bill was read the third time;

And, on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative ; and that the title thereof be, "An act providing for salvage, in cases of recapture."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of William Donaldson, made yesterday, and which lay on the table: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of the said William Donaldson cannot be granted.

Mr. Wadsworth, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present for his approbation, two enrolled bills : one entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to provide for the valuation of lands and dwelling houses, and the enumeration of slaves within the United States ;' and another entitled "An act extending the privilege of franking to William Henry Harrison, the Delegate from the Territory of the United States Northwest of the Ohio, and making provision for his compensation."

A petition of John Collier, and others, inhabitants of the settlements in the Mississippi Territory of Tombigby and Tensaw, was presented to the House and read, stating that great disputes and litigation are likely to take place among the inhabitants of the said settlements, from the different and clashing sources through which they derive their titles ; that considerable difficulties arise from the limited and circumscribed state of their settlements, and the want of a special stipulation with the Spanish Government for the free navigation of the Mobile and Tombigby rivers ; and that they suffer great inconveniences from the establishment of trading houses for the Indians ; and praying relief in the premises.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee to whom was referred, on the twenty-fourth ultimo, the petitions of John Henderson, and others, and of Thomas Burling, and others ; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The further order of the day was postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 1800.

Another member, to wit : Richard Dobbs Spaight, from North Carolina, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat in the House ; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of John Vaughan, made the twenty-first of February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth :

Resolved, That the accounting officers of the Treasury allow to John Vaughan the amount of the difference in his favor which would result from calculating the bullion by him deposited in the Mint of the United States, for coinage, at the rate of one thousand four hundred and eighty-five parts fine, to one hundred and seventy-nine parts alloy, instead of the rate of nine parts fine to one part alloy.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution ; and that the Committee of Claims do prepare and bring in the same.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the preservation of peace with the Indian tribes ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto.

On motion,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the said bill and amendments be postponed until Monday next.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have agreed to the amendments proposed by this House to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of persons imprisoned for debt." And then he withdrew.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Adams, (in the absence of Mr. Shaw, his Secretary,) notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign two acts which originated in this House: one entitled "An act extending the privilege of franking to William Henry Harrison, the Delegate from the Territory of the United States Northwest of the Ohio, and making provision for his compensation;" the other entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to provide for the valuation of lands and dwelling houses, and the enumeration of slaves within the United States.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A petition of Absalom Jones, and others, people of color, and freemen, within the city and suburbs of Philadelphia, was presented to the House and read, complaining that the slave trade to the Coast of Guinea is carried on in a clandestine manner from the United States; that freemen of color are seized, fettered, and sold as slaves, in various parts of the country; that the law not long since enacted by Congress, called the fugitive bill, is, in its execution, attended with circumstances peculiarly hard and distressing; and stating further, that, although they do not ask for the immediate emancipation of all who are now in unconditional bondage in these States, they humbly desire that Congress may exert every mean in their power to undo the heavy burthens, and prepare the way for the oppressed to go free, that every yoke may be broken: Whereupon,

A motion was made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That so much of the the petition as relates to the laws of the United States respecting the slave trade from the United States to any foreign place or country, and the laws respecting fugitives from justice and persons escaping from the service of their masters, be referred to the committee appointed, on the twelfth day of December last, to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations ought to be made in the law, entitled "An act to prohibit the carrying on the slave trade from the United States to any foreign place or country:"

And, debate rising thereupon,

An adjournment was called for: Whereupon,

The House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 1800.

Another member, to wit: Benjamin Huger, from South Carolina, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat in the House; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

The House resumed the consideration of the motion, depending yesterday, for the reference of certain parts of the petition of Absalom Jones, and others: Whereupon,

A motion was made to amend the same, by adding the following words:

"And that the parts of the said petition which invite Congress to legislate upon subjects from which the General Government is precluded by the Constitution, have a tendency to create disquiet and jealousy, and ought therefore to receive no encouragement or countenance from this House:"

The question was taken, that the House do agree to the same,

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 85,
 { Nay 1.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston,
George Baer,
Theodorus Bailey,
Bailey Bartlett,
James A. Bayard,
John Bird,
Phanuel Bishop,
Jonathan Brace,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
Christopher G. Champlin,
Gabriel Christie,
Matthew Clay,
William C. C. Claiborne,

John Condit,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
Franklin Davenport,
Thomas T. Davis,
John Dawson,
John Dennis,
George Dent,
William Edmond,
Joseph Eggleston,
Lucas Elmendorf,
Thomas Evans,
Abiel Foster,
Dwight Foster,

John Fowler,
Jonathan Freeman,
Albert Gallatin,
Henry Glen,
Samuel Goode,
Chauncey Goodrich,
Elizur Goodrich,
William Gordon,
Edwin Gray,
Andrew Gregg,
Roger Griswold,
William Barry Grove,
John A. Hanna,
Robert Goodloe Harper,
Joseph Heister,
Archibald Henderson,
William H. Hill,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Huger,
James H. Inlay,
George Jackson,
James Jones,
Aaron Kitchell,
Henry Lee,
Silas Lee,
Nathaniel Macon,
John Marshall,
Lewis R. Morris,

Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
Joseph H. Nicholson,
Abraham Nott,
Harrison G. Otis,
Robert Page,
Josiah Parker,
Jonas Platt,
Leven Powell,
John Randolph,
John Reed,
John Rutledge, junior,
Samuel Sewall,
William Shepard,
Richard Stanford,
David Stone,
Thomas Sumter,
Benjamin Taliaferro,
John Chew Thomas,
Richard Thomas,
John Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Robert Waln,
Robert Williams,
Lemuel Williams, and
Henry Woods.

George Thatcher voted in the negative.

And then the main question, to agree to the said motion, as amended, being taken, It was resolved in the affirmative.

A petition of John Stotesbury was presented to the House and read, praying that such provision may be made for the petitioner, in consideration of wounds and other injuries received in sundry engagements with the enemy, whilst a captain of infantry in the Pennsylvania line of the Continental Army, during the late war, as has been granted to other wounded officers in a similar situation.

Also, the petitions of Reuben Colborn, and of John Porter, praying compensation for services rendered the United States, by the petitioners, during the late war.

Also, a petition of Nathan Huston, praying compensation for services performed as paymaster to a battalion of mounted volunteers in the service of the United States, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, under the command of Major General Scott.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Ordered, That the petitions of Lawrence Erb, and of Samuel Selby, 3d, presented the twenty-seventh ultimo, be referred to the committee appointed to inquire whether it be expedient to make any, and, if any, what, provision for the relief of persons imprisoned for debt.

Mr. Harrison, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to reform the Superior Court of the Territory of the United States Northwest of the river Ohio; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Wadsworth, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act for the relief of persons imprisoned for debt;" also, the enrolled resolutions directing further measures to be taken in honor of the memory of GEORGE WASHINGTON; and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill and resolutions.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Griswold, from the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business, to whom it was referred to examine and report what laws have expired, or are near expiring, and require to be revived, or further continued, made a farther report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the tenth of December last, the petition of Nathaniel Libbey, made a report : Whereupon,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the said report be postponed until Monday next.

Mr. Wadsworth, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act for the relief of persons imprisoned for debt;" also, the enrolled resolutions directing further measures in honor of the memory of GEORGE WASHINGTON.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 1800.

A petition of sundry merchants and inhabitants of the town of Berwick, in the district of Maine, was presented to the House and read, praying that the town of Berwick may be annexed to the district of Portsmouth.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

A petition of sundry inhabitants of Caroline county, in the State of Maryland, was presented to the House and read, praying that a post road may be established from Frederica, in the State of Delaware, to Denton, in the county aforesaid, and, thence, to Easton.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed, on the tenth ultimo, to inquire whether any, and what, amendments are necessary to be made in the acts establishing a post office and post roads within the United States.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of John Vaughan ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of Nathaniel Libbey, made on Friday last ; and, the same being again read,

It was resolved that the prayer of the petition of the said Nathaniel Libbey cannot be granted.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments reported, on Friday last, from the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed the bill for the preservation of peace with the Indian tribes : Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said amendments.

The said bill was then further amended at the Clerk's table, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

On motion,

Resolved, That the order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to reform the Superior Court of the Territory of the United States Northwest of the river Ohio, be postponed until Monday next.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution, to wit :

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill to establish a Circuit Court in the States of Tennessee and Kentucky, and the Territory of the United States Northwest of the river Ohio :

Ordered, That the said motion be referred to the committee appointed, on the ninth ultimo, on so much of the President's speech as relates to a revision and amendment of the judiciary system.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business, made on Friday last, which lay on the table ; and, the same being again read,

It was resolved, that a committee be appointed to prepare and report a bill to repeal so much of the act to provide for mitigating or remitting the forfeitures, penalties, and disabilities, accruing in certain cases therein mentioned, as limits the continuance of the said act to the end of the present session of Congress ; and that the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business do prepare and bring in the same.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means have leave to bring in a bill for consolidating into one act, and amending the several acts for laying duties on spirits distilled within the United States, and on stills, and for collecting the same.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution, to wit :

Resolved, That it is expedient so to amend the " Act for laying duties on stamped vellum, parchment, and paper," as to abolish the offices thereby established for the stamping of vellum, parchment, and paper, in the several districts of the United States, and to establish, at the seat of Government, one general office for the purpose :

Ordered, That the said motion be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Adams, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign certain enrolled resolutions, which originated in this House, directing further measures in honor of the memory of General GEORGE WASHINGTON.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Bayard, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to establish an uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 1800.

Another member, to wit : James Sheafe, from New Hampshire, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat in the House ; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

An engrossed bill for the preservation of peace with the Indian tribes was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, " An act for the preservation of peace with the Indian tribes."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the relief of John Vaughan ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the thirty-first ultimo, the petition of Sarah Hooton, made a report ; which was read and considered : Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of the said Sarah Hooton cannot be granted.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter and report from the Secretary of War, exhibiting the expenses of the national Armory at Springfield, Massachusetts ; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A motion being made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution, to wit :

Resolved, That so much of the act passed the sixteenth of July, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, entitled " An act to augment the Army of the United States, and for other purposes," as authorizes the President of the United States to raise twelve additional regiments of infantry, and six troops of light dragoons, and to appoint two major generals, an inspector general, three brigadier generals, and an adjutant general ; and so much of the act passed the third of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, entitled " An act for the better organizing of the troops of the United States, and for other purposes," as authorizes the appointment of a commander of the army, and a quartermaster general, ought to be repealed :

Ordered, That the said motion be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 1800.

An engrossed bill for the relief of John Vaughan was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, " An act for the relief of John Vaughan."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Sundry petitions and remonstrances from a number of the inhabitants of Morris county, in the State of New Jersey, were presented to the House and read, praying a repeal of the alien and sedition laws passed at former sessions of Congress; and, also, of the law which authorizes the President to augment the Army; for certain reasons therein expressed.

Ordered, That so much of the said petitions as relates to a repeal of the laws authorizing the augmentation of the Army be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the motion for a repeal of certain parts of the acts relative to the Army, passed the sixteenth of July, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, and the third of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine.

Mr. Griswold, from the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business, presented, according to order, a bill to repeal part of an act, entitled "An act to provide for mitigating or remitting the forfeitures, penalties, and disabilities, accruing in certain cases therein mentioned;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the twenty-third ultimo, the petition of Seth Noble, made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his said petition.

On motion,

Ordered, That the petition of Stephen Sayre, presented the twenty-ninth of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Shaw, his Secretary, as followeth:

Gentlemen of the Senate, and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

A report made to me, on the first day of this month, by the Director of the Mint, through the office of the Secretary of State, with the documents attending it, I transmit to both Houses of Congress for their consideration.

JOHN ADAMS.

UNITED STATES, *January 8, 1800.*

The said message, and report accompanying the same, were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the motion depending yesterday, for a repeal of certain parts of the acts relative to the Army, passed the sixteenth of July, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, and the third of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said motion under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said motion.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Shaw, his Secretary, as followeth:

Gentlemen of the Senate, and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

In compliance with the request in one of the resolutions of Congress of the twenty-first of December last, I transmitted a copy of those resolutions by my Secretary, Mr. Shaw, to Mrs. Washington, assuring her of the profound respect Congress will ever bear to her person and character; of their condolence in the late afflicting dispensation of Providence; and entreating her assent to the interment of the remains of General GEORGE WASHINGTON, in the manner expressed in the first resolution. As the sentiments of that virtuous lady, not less beloved by this nation than she is at present greatly afflicted, can never be so well expressed as in her own words, I transmit to Congress her original letter.

It would be an attempt of too much delicacy to make any comments upon it; but, there can be no doubt that the nation at large, as well as all the branches of the Government, will be highly gratified by any arrangement which may diminish the sacrifice she makes of her individual feelings.

JOHN ADAMS.

UNITED STATES, *January 6, 1800.*

The letter referred to in the said message is as follows :

“ MOUNT VERNON, December 31, 1799.

Sir : While I feel, with keenest anguish, the late dispensation of Divine Providence, I cannot be insensible to the mournful tributes of respect and veneration which are paid to the memory of my dear deceased husband ; and, as his best services and most anxious wishes were always devoted to the welfare and happiness of his country, to know that they were truly appreciated and gratefully remembered, affords no inconsiderable consolation.

Taught, by that great example which I have so long had before me, never to oppose my private wishes to the public will, I must consent to the request made by Congress, which you have had the goodness to transmit to me ; and, in doing this, I need not, I cannot, say what a sacrifice of individual feeling I make to a sense of public duty.

With grateful acknowledgments, and unfeigned thanks for the personal respect and evidences of condolence expressed by Congress, and yourself, I remain, very respectfully, sir, your most obedient humble servant,

MARTHA WASHINGTON.”

The said message, and letter accompanying the same, were read, and ordered to be referred to the Joint Committee appointed the nineteenth ultimo, on receipt of the intelligence of the death of General GEORGE WASHINGTON, to prepare and report measures suitable to the occasion.

A petition of William Nichols, late marshal of the United States, for the District of Pennsylvania, was presented to the House and read, stating that, in the execution of his said office, he has been led into the payment of moneys which he considered as authorized by law, but which the accounting officers of the Treasury, upon a settlement of his accounts, refuse to allow ; and praying the interference of Congress in his behalf.

Also, a petition of John King, praying to be placed on the pension list, in consideration of wounds and other injuries received, whilst a soldier in the Army of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 1800.

A petition of Nathaniel Whitaker, of the town of Bath, in the State of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, praying that he may be allowed to receive a reasonable part of the proceeds from the sale of a certain vessel engaged in the slave trade, in consideration of the exertions which he made, and the expenses he incurred in procuring her condemnation, in consequence of a breach of the act, entitled “ An act to prohibit the carrying on the slave trade from the United States, to any foreign place or country.”

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with his opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of David Jones and William Rogers, Chaplains in the Army of the United States, during the late war, praying that they may be allowed donation lands in common with other military characters to whom they have been allowed.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Ordered, That Mr. Rutledge be added to the committee to whom was referred, on the tenth ultimo, the petition of Lardner Clark.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the motion for a repeal of certain parts of the acts relative to the Army, passed the sixteenth of July, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, and the third of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said motion under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said motion.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 1800.

A petition of Nathaniel Barney, of Rehoboth, in the State of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, praying to be placed on the pension list, in consideration of wounds and other injuries sustained, whilst a soldier in the Army of the United States, during the late war.

Also, a petition of Tobias Rudolph, praying the reimbursement of a sum of money expended by his brother, the late Major John Rudolph, for the use of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the motion for a repeal of certain parts of the acts relative to the Army, passed the sixteenth of July, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, and the third of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said motion under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their disagreement to the same.

The question was taken that the House do agree with the Committee of the Whole House in their said disagreement,

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 60,
 { Nays 39-

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

William Alston,
George Baer,
Bailey Bartlett,
James A. Bayard,
John Bird,
Jonathan Brace,
John Brown,
Christopher G. Champlin,
William Cooper,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
Franklin Davenport,
John Dennis,
George Dent,
Joseph Dickson,
William Edmond,
Thomas Evans,
Abiel Foster,
Dwight Foster,
Jonathan Freeman,
Henry Glen,
Samuel Goode,
Chauncey Goodrich,
Elizur Goodrich,
William Gordon,
Roger Griswold,
William Barry Grove,
Robert Goodloe Harper,
Thomas Hartley,
Archibald Henderson,

William H. Hill,
Benjamin Huger,
James H. Inlay,
John Wilkes Kittera,
Henry Lee,
Silas Lee,
Samuel Lyman,
James Linn,
John Marshall,
Lewis R. Morris,
Abraham Nott,
Harrison G. Otis,
Robert Page,
Josiah Parker,
Jonas Platt,
Leven Powell,
John Reed,
John Rutledge, jun.
Samuel Sewall,
James Sheafe,
William Shepard,
Samuel Smith,
Benjamin Taliaferro,
George Thatcher,
John Chew Thomas,
Richard Thomas,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Robert Waln,
Lemuel Williams, and
Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Theodorus Bailey,
Phanuel Bishop,
Robert Brown,
Gabriel Christie,
Matthew Clay,
William Charles Cole Claiborne,
John Condit,
Thomas T. Davis,

John Dawson,
Joseph Eggleston,
Lucas Elmendorf,
John Fowler,
Albert Gallatin,
Edwin Gray,
Andrew Gregg,
John A. Hanna,

Joseph Heister,
David Holmes,
George Jackson,
James Jones,
Aaron Kitchell,
Michael Leib,
Matthew Lyon,
Nathaniel Macon,
Peter Muhlenberg,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
Joseph H. Nicholson,

John Randolph,
John Smilie,
Richard Stanford,
David Stone,
Thomas Sumter,
John Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Joseph B. Varnum, and
Robert Williams.

Ordered, That the petition of Charles Pettit, presented the thirty-first ultimo, and which lay on the table, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 1800.

Another member, to wit : Samuel J. Cabell, from Virginia, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat in the House ; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

A memorial of Paul Bentalou, and others, merchants, of the city of Baltimore, late owners of the ship *Flora*, was presented to the House and read, stating that they have sustained considerable loss in consequence of an illegal detention, as they conceive, of the said ship at the port of Edgartown, in the State of Massachusetts, by the officers of the United States, acting under the law, entitled "An act to suspend the commercial intercourse between the United States and France, and the dependencies thereof," and praying compensation for the same.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Two petitions of Cato West and others, in behalf of themselves and the other inhabitants of the Mississippi Territory, were presented to the House and read ; the first complaining of the political system, by which the said territory is governed, and the present mode of its administration, and praying that the operation of the ordinance of Congress, passed the thirteenth of July, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven, with such amendments as shall seem expedient, may be extended to the said territory : the other, praying that an act may be passed confirming to the citizens of the said territory, all grants of lands legally and justly obtained prior to the ratification of the late treaty with Spain.

Ordered, That the first of the said petitions be referred to Mr. Claiborne, Mr. Griswold, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Nott, and Mr. Bartlett ; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report their opinion thereupon to the House ; and that the second be referred to the committee to whom were referred, on the twenty-fourth ultimo, the petitions of John Henderson and others, and of Thomas Burling and others.

A petition of Jacob Meade, of Oneida county, in the State of New York, was presented to the House and read, praying to be placed on the pension list, in consideration of wounds and other injuries received by the pensioner, whilst an ensign in the Army of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Otis, from the committee to whom was referred, on the ninth ultimo, so much of the President's speech as relates to "a system of national defence, commensurate with our resources and the situation of our country," made a report, in part ; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Shaw, his Secretary, as followeth :

Gentlemen of the Senate, and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

A report made to me, on the fifth of this month, by the Secretary of War, contains various matters, in which the honor and safety of the nation are deeply interested ; I transmit it therefore to Congress, and recommend it to their serious consideration.

JOHN ADAMS.

UNITED STATES, *January 13th*, 1800.

The said message and report accompanying the same, were read, and ordered to be referred to the committee to whom was referred, on the ninth ultimo, so much of the President's speech as relates to "a system of national defence, commensurate with our resources and the situation of our country."

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the twenty-fourth ultimo, the petition of George Farragut, presented the twenty-second of February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, together with a report of the Secretary of War thereon, made the twenty-fifth of the same month, made a report; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the final settlement made between the United States and the said George Farragut ought not to be opened.

Ordered, That the report of the Secretary of War, on the seventh instant, exhibiting the expenses of the national Armory at Springfield, in the State of Massachusetts, which lay on the table, be referred to the committee to whom was referred, on the ninth ultimo, so much of the President's speech as relates to "a system of national defence, commensurate with our resources and the situation of our country;" with power to report thereon by bill, or bills, or otherwise.

Ordered, That the message of the President of the United States, of the eighth instant, transmitting sundry statements relative to the Mint of the United States, prepared by the officers thereof, and which lay on the table, be referred to Mr. Dwight Foster, Mr. Chauncey Goodrich, and Mr. Page.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of State be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to procure and transmit to the Governor of the State of North Carolina, a number of the copies of the laws of the United States, equal to the number which the Secretary was heretofore authorized to transmit to the Governor of the said State, by an act, entitled "An act for the more general promulgation of the laws of the United States," to be deposited and distributed agreeably to the provisions of the said act, for the use and information of the citizens of the United States within the said State:

Ordered, That the said motion be referred to Mr. Hill, Mr. Kittera, and Mr. Nicholas.

Resolved, That the Committee of Claims be instructed to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations ought to be made in the law passed on the twelfth day of June, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, entitled "An act respecting loan office and final settlement certificates, indents of interest, and the unfunded or registered debt credited in the books of the Treasury."

Resolved, That the act, entitled "An act concerning certain fisheries of the United States, and for the regulation and government of the fishermen employed therein," and all acts for amendment of the same, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to consider and report as to the expediency of continuing the same, and whether any, and, if any, what, alterations may be necessary therein.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to repeal part of an act, entitled "An act to provide for mitigating the forfeitures, penalties, and disabilities, accruing in certain cases therein mentioned;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their agreement to the same, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to prepare and report a bill to continue in force "An act declaring the consent of Congress to a certain act of the State of Maryland," and to continue "An act declaring the consent of Congress to certain acts of the States of Maryland, Georgia, and Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations, so far as the same respects the States of Georgia and Rhode-Island;" and that the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business do prepare and bring in the same.

The several orders of the day were postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 1800.

An engrossed bill to repeal part of an act, entitled "An act to provide for mitigating or remitting the forfeitures, penalties, and disabilities, accruing in certain cases therein mentioned," was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to repeal part of an act, entitled 'An act to provide for mitigating or remitting the forfeitures, penalties, and disabilities, accruing in certain cases therein mentioned.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of sundry inhabitants of the States of Massachusetts and New Hampshire was presented to the House and read, praying that a post road may be established between Bellerica, in Massachusetts, to Londonderry, in New Hampshire.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed, on the eighteenth ultimo, to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations are necessary in the laws establishing a post office and post roads within the United States.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the third instant, the petition of Reuben Colburn, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Griswold, from the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business, to whom it was referred to examine and report what laws of the United States have expired, or are near expiring, made a farther report, in part; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the motion to amend the "Act for laying duties on stamped vellum, parchment, and paper;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said motion under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to, as follows:

Resolved, That it is expedient so to amend the "Act for laying duties on stamped vellum, parchment, and paper," as to abolish the offices thereby established for the stamping of vellum, parchment, and paper, in the several districts of the United States, and to establish, at the seat of Government, one general office for that purpose.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution, and that the Committee of Ways and Means do prepare and bring in the same.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Shaw, his Secretary, as followeth:

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

As the enclosed letter, from a Member of your House, received by me in the night of Saturday, the eleventh instant, relates to the privileges of the House, which, in my opinion, ought to be inquired into in the House itself, if any where, I have thought proper to submit the whole letter and its tendencies to your consideration, without any other comments on its matter or style: but, as no gross impropriety of conduct, on the part of persons holding commissions in the Army or Navy of the United States, ought to pass without due animadversion, I have directed the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy to investigate the conduct complained of, and to report to me, without delay, such a statement of facts as will enable me to decide on the course which duty and justice shall appear to prescribe.

JOHN ADAMS.

UNITED STATES, *January 14th*, 1800.

The said message, together with the letter accompanying the same, were read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. Chauncey Goodrich, Mr. Macon, Mr. Kittera, Mr. Jones, Mr. Sewall, Mr. Robert Williams, and Mr. Bayard.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to reform the Superior Court of the Territory of the United States Northwest of the River Ohio; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The order of the day was further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 1800.

Ordered, That Mr. Macon be excused from serving as a Member of the committee to whom was referred the message received, yesterday, from the President of the United States, and that Mr. Hanna be appointed in his stead.

Sundry petitions from a number of merchants and inhabitants of the town of Gloucester, in the State of Massachusetts, were presented to the House and read, praying that a light-house may be erected on Wigwam Point, within the entrance of Annesquam Harbor.

Also, a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Lyme, in the State of Connecticut, praying that the said town of Lyme may be annexed to the district and port of New London.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

A petition of Ludwig Kuhn was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for property belonging to the petitioner, which was taken by an officer of the Army of the United States, and applied to the use of the said Army, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion,

Ordered, That the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of Moses White, made the fourth of February last, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Clerk of this House be directed to furnish each of the Members of this House with a set of the laws passed by the Fifth Congress of the United States.

The House proceeded to consider the report made, on Monday last, by the committee to whom was referred so much of the President's speech as relates to "a system of national defence, commensurate with our resources, and the situation of our country," which lay on the table; and the same being again read, in the words following, to wit:

"That, in the opinion of the committee, no such material change in the state of the foreign relations of the United States has happened, as would justify a relinquishment of any of the means of defence heretofore adopted by Congress, but that the national honor and interest in the present posture of affairs make it prudent and necessary to continue prepared for the worst event: but while danger still threatens our country, yet circumstances having diminished the probability of an immediate invasion, the attention of the committee has been particularly directed to the state of the Military establishment, with a view to reconcile safety with economy, to preserve the establishment, and retrench the expense. The annexed abstract and letter from the Secretary of War exhibit the state of the twelve new regiments of infantry, according to the latest returns. As these men have received their bounty and clothing, and are daily improving in discipline; as they would be useful in any sudden emergency, and the greater part of them may also be usefully employed, until wanted for actual service, on the fortifications of ports and harbors, it is conceived proper to retain them, but to suspend the recruiting service until the approach of danger shall compel the Government to resume it. This project combines the advantage of an important reduction of the national expense, with that of having at command a body of officers ready for service upon short notice, and a number of disciplined troops sufficient for the present occasion.

"The committee, therefore, submit the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That, from and after the — day of — next, all enlistments under an act, entitled "An act to augment the Army of the United States, and for other purposes," shall be suspended until the next session, unless war should break out between the United States and a foreign European Power, or in case imminent danger of invasion of their territory by any such Power shall, in the opinion of the President of the United States, be discovered to exist:"

The question was taken that the House do agree to the resolution contained in the said report,

And resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution, and that Mr. Otis, Mr. Nicholas, Mr. Edmond, Mr. Abiel Foster, Mr. Champlin, Mr. Waln, and Mr. Hill, do prepare and bring in the same.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House to whom was referred the report of the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business, made yesterday, recommending the appointment of a committee to prepare and bring in a bill to continue in force, for a limited time, the act, entitled "An act further to suspend the commercial intercourse between the United States and France, and the dependencies thereof," be discharged from the consideration of the same; and that the said report be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, with power to report thereon by bill

or bills, or otherwise, and with instruction to inquire and report in what manner, and to what effect, the act suspending commercial intercourse with France has been executed.

The orders of the day were postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 1800.

Petitions from sundry inhabitants of the townships of Frechold and New Durham, in the State of New York, were presented to the House and read, praying that a post road may be established from the city of Hudson, to Oxford, in the said State.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee appointed, on the eighteenth ultimo, to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations are necessary in the laws establishing a post office and post roads within the United States.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the third instant, the petition of John Porter, made a report; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of the said John Porter cannot be granted.

Mr. Otis, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to suspend, in part, an act, entitled "An act to augment the Army of the United States, and for other purposes;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act for the preservation of peace with the Indian tribes." I am directed to inform this House that the President of the United States did, on the sixth instant, approve and sign an act, which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of persons imprisoned for debt." And then he withdrew.

The orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 1800.

A petition of sundry inhabitants of the Northwestern Territory, Northwest of the Great Miami river, was presented to the House and read, praying a repeal or amendment of the law providing for the sale of the lands of the United States in the Territory Northwest of the river Ohio, and above the mouth of Kentucky river.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed, on the twenty-fourth ultimo, to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations are necessary in the laws authorizing the sale of the lands of the United States Northwest of the Ohio.

A petition of Jacob Herman was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for services rendered the United States by the petitioner, whilst a soldier in the Army of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Otis, from the committee to whom was referred, on the twenty-third ultimo, the petition of Robert Sturgeon, made a report; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That Robert Sturgeon be discharged from his confinement, upon a judgment in favor of the United States, upon his making an assignment of all estate, real and personal, to which he may be entitled, to the acceptance of the Secretary of the Treasury: Provided, however, that the said judgment shall remain in full force against any property which he may hereafter acquire.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought, in pursuant to the said resolution; and that Mr. Otis, Mr. Bird, and Mr. Stone, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the twelfth ultimo, the petition of Bartholomew Von Heer, made a report; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of the said Bartholomew Von Heer cannot be granted.

Mr. Wadsworth, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act for the preservation of peace with the Indian tribes," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to suspend, in part, an act, entitled "An act to augment the Army of the United States ;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The further orders of the day were postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 1800.

A memorial of the General Assembly of the Territory of the United States Northwest of the river Ohio, signed by Edward Tiffin, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and H. Vandeburgh, President of the Council, stating the unhappy situation of a large number of the citizens of the county of Hamilton, in the said Territory, residing on lands purchased from John Cleves Symmes, under a conviction that the said Symmes had a right to dispose of the same in virtue of his contract with the United States ; that, having paid their money into the hands of Judge Symmes, they are deprived of the means of making their payments as at present required by the United States ; and requesting that such indulgence may be extended to the said purchasers, as to the wisdom of Congress may seem meet.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed, on the twenty-fourth ultimo, to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations are necessary in the laws providing for the sale of the lands of the United States Northwest of the Ohio.

A petition of James Yard, of the city of Philadelphia, merchant, was presented to the House and read, stating that he had shipped on board the Ganges, then bound to Calcutta, a quantity of Madeira wines ; that the owners of the said ship having afterwards disposed of her to the Government of the United States, the petitioner consented to release them from their engagement to deliver the said wines in India : in consequence of which, they were re-landed from the said ship ; but no opportunity having since offered for re-shipping the same to India, the period prescribed by law for exportation with benefit of debenture, has expired ; and praying relief in the premises.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to establish an uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

A petition of Daniel Cook was presented to the House and read, praying to be placed on the pension list, in consideration of wounds and other injuries sustained by the petitioner, whilst a soldier in the Army of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Wadsworth, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, on Friday last, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act for the preservation of peace with the Indian tribes."

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the fifteenth instant, the petition of Ludwig Kuhn, made a report ; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Shaw, his Secretary, as followeth :

Gentlemen of the Senate, and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

In obedience to the law, I transmit to Congress my annual account of the contingent fund.

JOHN ADAMS.

UNITED STATES, January 20, 1800.

The said message, and account accompanying the same, were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to repeal part of an act, entitled 'An act to provide for mitigating or remitting the forfeitures, penalties, and disabilities, accruing in certain cases therein mentioned,'" with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said amendments were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Revision and Unfinished Business.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Shaw, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the seventeenth instant, approve and sign an act, which originated in this House, entitled "An act for the preservation of peace with the Indian tribes."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Chauncey Goodrich, from the committee to whom was referred, on the fourteenth instant, a message from the President of the United States, accompanied with a letter to him from John Randolph, junior, a member of this House for the State of Virginia, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 1800.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to establish an uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported, that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally read.

The amendment to the ninth section, reported from the Committee of the Whole, being again read, was, on the question put thereupon, disagreed to by the House.

The other amendments reported by the Committee of the Whole, were then again read, amended, and, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The said bill was then further amended at the Clerk's table, and, together with the amendments, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Samuel Lapsley, deceased;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bill was then read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Otis, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to discharge Robert Sturgeon from his confinement; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Ordered, That the petition of the Corporation of Rhode Island College, presented the thirty-first of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, with the report of the Committee of Claims thereon, made the eleventh of February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion,

Ordered, That there be a call of the House on Monday next, at two o'clock.

The orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 1800.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to suspend, in part, an act, entitled "An act to augment the Army of the United States, and for other purposes;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table: Whereupon,

An adjournment being called for,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 1800.

Petitions of sundry inhabitants of the States of Massachusetts and New Hampshire, were presented to the House and read, praying that a post road may be established from Billerica, in Massachusetts, to Londondery, in New Hampshire.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee appointed, on the tenth ultimo, to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations are necessary in the laws establishing a post office and post roads within the United States.

Petitions of Michael Hanse, of Henry Turner, and of James M'Clure, were presented to the House and read, respectfully praying to be placed on the pension list, in consideration of wounds and other injuries sustained by the petitioners, whilst in the Army of the United States, during the late war.

Also, a petition of Simon Sommers, praying the confirmation of a title to certain lands for which he has received a warrant from the State of Virginia, in consideration of his services as an Adjutant in the Army of the United States, during the late war, which, unknown to the petitioner, have been located on the lands set apart for the officers and soldiers of the Virginia line, on the Northwest side of the river Ohio.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A petition of sundry merchants of the city of Philadelphia, was presented to the House and read, praying for a modification or amendment of the seventy-fifth section of the act, entitled "An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage."

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Griswold, from the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business, to whom were referred the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to repeal part of an act, entitled 'An act to mitigate or remit the forfeitures, penalties, and disabilities, accruing in certain cases therein mentioned,'" made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments reported, yesterday, from the Committee of the Whole, to whom was committed the bill to suspend part of the act, entitled "An act to augment the Army of the United States, and for other purposes;" and the same being read,

A motion was made and seconded that the further consideration of the said amendments be postponed until the first Monday in December next,

And, the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 10,
 { Nays 82.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present, -

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

George Baer,
John Bird,
John Brown,
Christopher G. Champlin,
William Cooper,

William Gordon,
Jonas Platt,
John Rutledge, junior,
James Sheafe, and
Peleg Wadsworth.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston,
Theodorus Bailey,
Bailey Bartlett,
James A. Bayard,
Phanuel Bishop,
Jonathan Brace,
Robert Brown,
Samuel J. Cabell,
Gabriel Christie,
William Charles Cole Claiborne,
John Condit,
William Craik,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
Franklin Davenport,
Thomas T. Davis,
John Dawson,

John Dennis,
George Dent,
Joseph Dickson,
William Edmond,
Joseph Eggleston,
Lucas Elmendorf,
Thomas Evans,
Abiel Foster,
John Fowler,
Jonathan Freeman,
Albert Gallatin,
Henry Glen,
Samuel Goode,
Chauncey Goodrich,
Elizur Goodrich,
Edwin Gray,
Andrew Gregg,

Roger Griswold,
John A. Hanna,
Robert Goodloe Harper,
Thomas Hartley,
Joseph Heister,
William H. Hill,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Huger,
James H. Inlay,
George Jackson,
James Jones,
Aaron Kitchell,
John Wilkes Kittera,
Henry Lee,
Silas Lee,
Michael Leib,
Samuel Lyman,
James Linn,
Nathaniel Macon,
John Marshall,
Lewis R. Morris,
Peter Muhlenberg,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,

Joseph H. Nicholson,
Abraham Nott,
Harrison G. Otis,
Robert Page,
Josiah Parker,
Leven Powell,
John Randolph,
John Reed,
Samuel Sewall,
William Shepard,
John Smilie,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
Thomas Sumter,
Benjamin Taliaferro,
George Thatcher,
John Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Robert Williams,
Lemuel Williams, and
Henry Woods.

The said amendments were then again read, and, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

A motion was then made and seconded further to amend the said bill, by adding the following as a new section :

“*Be it further enacted*, That the men now enlisted under the said act, shall be formed into as many regiments as they are sufficient to complete ; to be officered, at the discretion of the President of the United States, out of the officers of the said twelve regiments ; and that the supernumerary officers, together with such officers of the general staff, as, in his opinion, will not be necessary for the discipline of the said regiments, so to be formed as aforesaid, shall be discharged, and be entitled to receive, besides the allowance directed by law to be paid at their discharge, each one month's pay :”

And, the question being taken that the House do agree to the same,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 38,
 { Nays 57.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one fifth of the members present.

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Theodorus Bailey,
Phanuel Bishop,
Robert Brown,
Samuel J. Cabell,
Gabriel Christie,
William C. C. Claiborne,
John Condit,
Thomas T. Davis,
John Dawson,
Joseph Eggleston,
Lucas Elmendorf,
John Fowler,
Albert Gallatin,
Samuel Goode,
Andrew Gregg,
John A. Hanna,
Joseph Heister,
David Holmes,
George Jackson,

James Jones,
Aaron Kitchell,
Michael Leib,
James Linn,
Nathaniel Macon,
Peter Muhlenberg,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
Joseph H. Nicholson,
John Randolph,
John Smilie,
Richard Stanford,
Thomas Sumter,
John Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Joseph B. Varnum, and
Robert Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston,
George Baer,
Bailey Bartlett,

James A. Bayard,
John Bird,
Jonathan Brace.

John Brown,
Christopher G. Champlin,
William Cooper,
William Craik,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
Franklin Davenport,
John Dennis,
George Dent,
Joseph Dickson,
William Edmond,
Thomas Evans,
Abiel Foster,
Jonathan Freeman,
Henry Glen,
Chauncey Goodrich,
Elizur Goodrich,
William Gordon,
Edwin Gray,
Roger Griswold,
Robert Goodloe Harper,
Thomas Hartley,
William H. Hill,
Benjamin Huger,
James H. Imlay,
John Wilkes Kittera,

Henry Lee,
Silas Lee,
Samuel Lyman,
John Marshall,
Lewis R. Morris,
Abraham Nott,
Harrison G. Otis,
Robert Page,
Josiah Parker,
Jonas Platt,
Leven Powell,
John Reed,
John Rutledge, jun.
Samuel Sewall,
James Sheafe,
William Shepard,
Samuel Smith,
Benjamin Taliaferro,
George Thatcher,
John Chew Thomas,
Richard Thomas,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Robert Waln,
Lemuel Williams, and
Henry Woods.

The said bill was then further amended at the Clerk's table, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Shaw, his Secretary, as followeth :

Gentlemen of the Senate, and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

I transmit to Congress, for the information of the members, a report of the Secretary of State, of the ninth instant ; a letter from Matthew Clarkson, Esq. to him, of the second ; and a list of the claims adjusted by the Commisioners, under the twenty-first article of our treaty with Spain.

JOHN ADAMS.

UNITED STATES, *January 23, 1800.*

The said message, and papers accompanying the same, were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A motion being made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution, to wit ;

“*Resolved*, That the second section of the act passed the fourteenth of July, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, entitled “An act in addition to the act, entitled ‘An act for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States,’” ought to be repealed ; and the offences therein specified, shall remain punishable as at common law ; Provided, that, upon any prosecution, it shall be lawful for the defendant to give in evidence, in his defence, the truth of the matter charged as a libel :” Whereupon,

A division of the question thereupon was called for,

And the first part of the said motion being under consideration, in the words following, to wit :

“*Resolved*, That the second section of the act passed the fourteenth of July, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, entitled ‘An act in addition to the act, entitled “An act for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States,”’ ought to be repealed :”

The question was taken that the House do agree to the same,

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 50.
 { Nays 48.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston,
Theodorus Bailey,

Phanuel Bishop,
Robert Brown,

John Davenport,
 Franklin Davenport,
 John Dennis,
 Joseph Dickson,
 William Edmond,
 Thomas Evans,
 Abiel Foster,
 Jonathan Freeman,
 Henry Glen,
 Chauncey Goodrich,
 Elizur Goodrich,
 William Gordon,
 Edwin Gray,
 Roger Griswold,
 Robert Goodloe Harper,
 William H. Hill,
 Benjamin Huger,
 James H. Inlay,
 John Wilkes Kittera,
 Henry Lee,
 Silas Lee,

Samuel Lyman,
 Lewis R. Morris,
 Abraham Nott,
 Harrison G. Otis,
 Robert Page,
 Josiah Parker,
 Jonas Platt,
 Leven Powell,
 John Reed,
 John Rutledge, jun.
 Samuel Sewall,
 James Sheafe,
 William Shepard,
 George Thatcher,
 John Chew Thomas,
 Richard Thomas,
 Peleg Wadsworth,
 Robert Waln,
 Lemuel Williams, and
 Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston,
 Theodorus Bailey,
 Phanael Bishop,
 Robert Brown,
 Samuel J. Cabell,
 Gabriel Christie,
 William C. C. Claiborne,
 John Condit,
 Thomas T. Davis,
 John Dawson,
 George Dent,
 Joseph Eggleston,
 Lucas Elmendorf,
 John Fowler,
 Albert Gallatin,
 Samuel Goode,
 Andrew Gregg,
 John A. Hanna,
 Thomas Hartley,
 Joseph Heister,
 Archibald Henderson,
 David Holmes,
 George Jackson,
 James Jones,

Aaron Kitchell,
 Michael Leib,
 Matthew Lyon,
 James Linn,
 Nathaniel Macon,
 John Marshall,
 Peter Muhlenberg,
 Anthony New,
 John Nicholas,
 Joseph H. Nicholson,
 John Randolph,
 John Smilie,
 Samuel Smith,
 Richard Stanford,
 David Stone,
 Thomas Sumter,
 Benjamin Taliaferro,
 John Thompson,
 Abram Trigg,
 John Trigg,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Joseph B. Varnum, and
 Robert Williams.

And then the question to agree to the said motion as originally proposed, being taken,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas11,
 { Nays87.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston,
 George Baer,
 John Dennis,
 Thomas Evans,
 Benjamin Huger,
 Henry Lee,

Abraham Nott,
 Josiah Parker,
 Leven Powell,
 George Thatcher, and
 Robert Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Theodorus Bailey,
 Bailey Bartlett,
 James A. Bayard,
 John Bird,

Phanael Bishop,
 Jonathan Brace,
 John Brown,
 Robert Brown,

Samuel J. Cabell,
 Christopher G. Champlin,
 Gabriel Christie,
 William Charles Cole Claiborne,
 John Condit,
 William Cooper,
 William Craik,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Davenport,
 Franklin Davenport,
 Thomas T. Davis,
 John Dawson,
 George Dent,
 Joseph Dickson,
 William Edmond,
 Joseph Eggleston,
 Lucas Elmendorf,
 Abiel Foster,
 John Fowler,
 Jonathan Freeman,
 Albert Gallatin,
 Henry Glen,
 Samuel Goode,
 Chauncey Goodrich,
 Elizur Goodrich,
 William Gordon,
 Edwin Gray,
 Andrew Gregg,
 Roger Griswold,
 John A. Hanna,
 Robert Goodloe Harper,
 Thomas Hartley,
 Joseph Heister,
 Archibald Henderson,
 William H. Hill,
 David Holmes,
 James H. Imlay,
 George Jackson,
 James Jones,
 Aaron Kitchell,

John Wilkes Kittera,
 Silas Lee,
 Michael Leib,
 Samuel Lyman,
 Matthew Lyon,
 James Linn,
 Nathaniel Macon,
 John Marshall,
 Lewis R. Morris,
 Peter Muhlenberg,
 Anthony New,
 John Nicholas,
 Joseph H. Nicholson,
 Harrison G. Otis,
 Robert Page,
 Jonas Platt,
 John Randolph,
 John Reed,
 John Rutledge, jun.
 Samuel Sewall,
 James Sheafe,
 William Shepard,
 John Smilie,
 Samuel Smith,
 Richard Stanford,
 David Stone,
 Thomas Sumter,
 Benjamin Taliaferro,
 John Chew Thomas,
 Richard Thomas,
 John Thompson,
 Abram Trigg,
 John Trigg,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Joseph B. Varnum,
 Peleg Wadsworth,
 Robert Waln,
 Lemuel Williams, and
 Henry Woods.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.
 And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 1800.

An engrossed bill to suspend part of an act, entitled "An act to augment the Army of the United States, and for other purposes," was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to suspend part of an act, entitled 'An act to augment the Army of the United States, and for other purposes.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Lexington, in the State of Virginia, was presented to the House and read, praying that a post-road may be established from Lexington to New Glasgow, in the county of Amherst, in the said State.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed, on the tenth ultimo, to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations are necessary in the laws establishing a post office and post roads within the United States.

A petition of George Willis was presented to the House and read, praying relief in consideration of wounds and other injuries sustained by the petitioner, whilst a soldier in the Army of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A petition of sundry inhabitants of the Northwestern Territory between the Scioto and Little Miami rivers, was presented to the House and read, praying that a tract of

land sufficient to erect and endow an academy for the benefit of the settlers between the said rivers, may be granted by Congress.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed, on the twenty-fourth ultimo, to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations are necessary in the laws providing for the sale of the lands of the United States Northwest of the Ohio.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the eleventh ultimo, the petition of Anthony Foster, attorney for John Pitchlynn, made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his said petition.

Mr. Hill, from the committee to whom was referred, on the thirteenth instant, a motion for authorizing and directing the Secretary of State to procure and transmit to the Governor of the State of North Carolina, a number of the copies of the laws of the United States, made a report; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, in the words following, to wit:

"That the committee are informed by the Secretary of State that, in pursuance of the act mentioned in said resolution, he had transmitted to Wilmington, in the said State, the number of the copies of the laws directed by said act, for the use of the citizens in North Carolina; that the same were there stored, and were all consumed in the fire which destroyed the town of Wilmington. The Secretary has further informed the committee, that he is possessed of a number of the copies of the laws, equal to the supply proposed by said resolution: It is, therefore, the opinion of the committee that the following resolution ought to be adopted, to wit:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of State be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to procure and transmit to the Governor of the State of North Carolina, a number of the copies of the laws of the United States, equal to the number which the Secretary was heretofore authorized to transmit to the Governor of the said State, by an act, entitled 'An act for the more general promulgation of the laws of the United States,' to be deposited and distributed agreeably to the provisions of the said act, for the use and information of the citizens of the United States within the said State."

The question was then taken that the House do agree to the said resolution,

And resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said resolution to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee, made the twentieth instant, to whom was referred the message of the President of the United States, together with a letter from John Randolph, jun. a member of this House for the State of Virginia;

And debate arising thereon, an adjournment was called for: Whereupon,

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 1800.

Another member, to wit: Thomas Pinckney, from South Carolina, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat in the House; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

On motion,

Resolved, That the order for a call of the House this day, be dispensed with, and that there be a call of the House to-morrow, at two o'clock.

On motion,

Ordered, That the third reading of the bill to establish an uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States, be suspended until to-morrow.

The House resumed the consideration of the report of the committee to whom was referred the message from the President of the United States, together with a letter from John Randolph, jun. a member of this House for the State of Virginia;

And debate arising thereon, an adjournment was called for: Whereupon,

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 1800.

On motion,

Ordered, That the third reading of the bill to establish an uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States, be postponed until Thursday next.

A petition of Amy Dardin, of the county of Mecklenburg, in the State of Virginia, widow and relict of David Dardin, deceased, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for the loss of a horse, the property of the said deceased, which was taken for the use of the Continental cavalry, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

A petition of William Turnbull, and others, lately acting under the firm of Turnbull, Marmie, and Company, and Daniel Britt, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for supplies furnished the Army of the United States, in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven; payment for which has been received by James O'Hara, in consequence of abstracts for the said supplies being inadvertently returned to the Treasury, in the name of the said O'Hara, instead of that of the petitioners.

Also, a petition of Joshua Johnson, late Consul of the United States, at London, praying to be reimbursed certain expenses which he incurred in the execution of his said office; and that he may be allowed such compensation for his services as aforesaid, as to the wisdom and justice of Congress may seem meet.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Macon, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred the petitions of James M'Clure, of Michael Hanse, and of James Steel, made several reports thereupon; which were respectively read, and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitions of the said James M'Clure, Michael Hanse, and James Steele, cannot be granted.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations are necessary in the law passed the first of June, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, entitled "An act regulating the grants of land appropriated for military services, and for the Society of the United Brethren for propagating the Gospel among the Heathen."

Ordered, That Mr. Harrison, Mr. Brace, and Mr. Gallatin, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution, and that the said committee have power to report thereon by bill or bills, or otherwise.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have agreed to the resolution "authorizing and directing the Secretary of State to procure and transmit to the Governor of North Carolina, a number of copies of the laws of the United States." And then he withdrew.

The House resumed the consideration of the report of the committee to whom was referred the message from the President of the United States, together with a letter from John Randolph, jun. a member of this House for the State of Virginia: Whereupon,

A motion was made and seconded that the said report be re-committed,

And, the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 43,
 { Nays 50.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston,
Theodorus Bailey,
Phanuel Bishop,
Robert Brown,
Samuel J. Cabell,
Gabriel Christie,
Matthew Clay,
William Charles Cole Claiborne,
John Condit,
Thomas T. Davis,
John Dawson,
George Dent,
Joseph Eggleston,
Lucas Elmendorf,
John Fowler,
Albert Gallatin,
Edwin Gray,
Andrew Gregg,
John A. Hanna,

Thomas Hartley,
Joseph Heister,
David Holmes,
George Jackson,
James Jones,
Michael Leib,
Matthew Lyon,
James Linn,
Edward Livingston,
Nathaniel Macon,
Peter Muhlenberg,
John Nicholas,
Joseph H. Nicholson,
John Smilie,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
David Stone,
Thomas Sumter,
Benjamin Taliaferro.

John Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,

Philip Van Cortlandt, and
Robert Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

George Baer,
Bailey Bartlett,
James A. Bayard,
Jonathan Brace,
John Brown,
William Cooper,
William Craik,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
Franklin Davenport,
John Dennis,
Joseph Dickson,
William Edmond,
Thomas Evans,
Abiel Foster,
Dwight Foster,
Jonathan Freeman,
Henry Glen,
Chauncey Goodrich,
Elizur Goodrich,
William Gordon,
Roger Griswold,
William Barry Grove,
Robert Goodloe Harper,
Archibald Henderson,

William H. Hill,
Benjamin Huger,
James H. Imlay,
John Wilkes Kittera,
Henry Lee,
Silas Lee,
Samuel Lyman,
John Marshall,
Lewis R. Morris,
Harrison G. Otis,
Thomas Pinckney,
Jonas Platt,
Leven Powell,
John Reed,
John Rutledge, jun.
Samuel Sewall,
James Sheafe,
William Shepard,
George Thatcher,
John Chew Thomas,
Richard Thomas,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Robert Wain,
Lemuel Williams, and
Henry Woods.

On motion,

Resolved, That the order for a call of the House this day, be dispensed with, and that there be a call of the House on Thursday next, at two o'clock.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 1800.

Mr. Griswold, from the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business, to whom it was referred to examine and report what laws of the United States have expired, or are near expiring, made a farther report, in part; which was read and considered. Whereupon,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to prepare and report a bill to continue in force an act, entitled "An act providing the means of intercourse between the United States and foreign nations."

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution, and that the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Griswold, from the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business, to whom it was referred, on the thirteenth instant, to prepare and report a bill to continue in force, "An act declaring the consent of Congress to a certain act of the State of Maryland, and to continue an act declaring the consent of Congress to certain acts of the State of Maryland, Georgia, and Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, so far as the same respects the States of Georgia and Rhode Island," reported a bill declaring the assent of Congress to certain acts of the States of Rhode Island, Maryland, and Georgia; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House resumed the consideration of the report of the committee to whom was referred, on the fourteenth instant, the message of the President of the United States, together with a letter of John Randolph, jun. a member of this House for the State of Virginia; and the same being again read, in the words following, to wit:

"In executing the task assigned to them, it is with peculiar satisfaction your committee notice the respect shewn in his message by the President of the United States, to the rights and privileges of the House.

“On the style of the letter to the President, referred to the consideration of the committee, they forbear any other remark than to express their regret that a member of the House has conceived himself justified in deviating from the forms of decorum customary in official communications to the Chief Magistrate of the United States, justly due to his office and character, and essential to that harmony between the different branches of the Government, which should be circumspectly cherished by their respective members.

“In Mr. Randolph’s letter, he states that for words of a general nature, uttered in debate in the House of Representatives, on a proposition for reducing the Army, he had been publicly and grossly insulted by several persons, officers of the Army or Navy; and demands of the Executive authority, redress for an attack on his independence and rights as a legislator.

“Your committee being of opinion, that the matter of complaint respects the privileges of the House, inherent in its own body, and there exclusively cognizable, cannot but consider the appeal, in this instance, to the Executive authority, however otherwise intended, as derogating from those rights of the House with which are intimately connected both its honor and independence, and the inviolability of its members.

“Your committee further report, that, on inquiry, they found James M’Knight, Captain, and Michael Reynolds, Lieutenant of Marines, to be the persons implicated in Mr. Randolph’s charge: They, on notice, appeared before the committee, and denied the truth of the allegations. The committee have collected all the evidence they could find to be material in the case, and heard the parties accused, with their witnesses; and, although they believe a series of circumstances to have taken place at the Theatre, on the evening of Friday, the tenth instant, which appeared to Mr. Randolph, and others present, to evince premeditated insult towards him, yet, as some of those circumstances have been satisfactorily explained, and others are of a nature too equivocal to justify reprehension and punishment, your committee are of opinion that sufficient cause does not appear for the interference of the House, on the ground of a breach of their privileges.

“Your committee have taken the evidence in writing, which they submit to the consideration of the House, with the following resolutions:

“*Resolved*, That this House entertain a respectful sense of the regard which the President of the United States has shewn to its rights and privileges, in his message of the fourteenth instant, accompanied by a letter addressed to him by John Randolph, jun. a member of this House.

“*Resolved*, That, in respect to the charge alleged by John Randolph, jun. a member of this House, in his letter addressed to the President of the United States, on the eleventh instant, and by him submitted to the consideration of the House, that sufficient cause does not appear for the interposition of this House on the ground of a breach of its privileges.”

The question was taken that the House do agree to the first resolution contained in the said report,

And resolved in the affirmative.

The second resolution being under consideration, a motion was made and seconded to amend the same by inserting, before the word “sufficient,” in the fifth line, the words “although the conduct of Captain M’Knight, and Lieutenant Reynolds, was indiscreet and improper, yet,” and to insert, before the word “interposition” in the sixth line, the word “further:” Whereupon,

It was further moved and seconded to amend the said amendment, by inserting, after the word “improper” the words “and deserves reprehension:”

And the question being taken that the House do agree to the same,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 42,
 { Nays 56.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston,
Theodorus Bailey,
Robert Brown,
Samuel J. Cabell,
Gabriel Christie,
Matthew Clay,
William C. C. Claiborne,
John Condit,
Thomas T. Davis,
John Dawson,

Joseph Eggleston,
Lucas Elmendorf,
John Fowler,
Albert Gallatin,
Samuel Goode,
Edwin Gray,
Andrew Gregg,
John A. Hanna,
Joseph Heister,
David Holmes,

Benjamin Huger,
George Jackson,
James Jones,
Aaron Kitchell,
Michael Leib,
Matthew Lyon,
James Linn,
Edward Livingston,
Peter Muhlenberg,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,

Joseph H. Nicholson,
John Smilie,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
David Stone,
Thomas Sumter,
Benjamin Taliaferro,
John Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg, and
Philip Van Cortlandt.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

George Baer,
Bailey Bartlett,
John Bird,
Jonathan Brace,
John Brown,
Christopher G. Champlin,
William Cooper,
William Craik,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
Franklin Davenport,
John Dennis,
George Dent,
Joseph Dickson,
William Edmond,
Thomas Evans,
Abiel Foster,
Dwight Foster,
Jonathan Freeman,
Henry Glen,
Chauncey Goodrich,
Elizur Goodrich,
William Gordon,
Roger Griswold,
William Barry Grove,
Robert Goodloe Harper,
Thomas Hartley,
Archibald Henderson,

William H. Hill,
James H. Imlay,
John Wilkes Kittera,
Henry Lee,
Samuel Lyman,
Nathaniel Macon,
John Marshall,
Lewis R. Morris,
Abraham Nott,
Harrison G. Otis,
Robert Page,
Josiah Parker,
Thomas Pinckney,
Jonas Platt,
Leven Powell,
John Reed,
Samuel Sewall,
James Sheafe,
William Shepard,
Richard Dobbs Spaight,
George Thatcher,
John Chew Thomas,
Richard Thomas,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Robert Waln,
Robert Williams,
Lemuel Williams, and
Henry Woods.

The question was then taken, that the House do agree to the amendment as originally proposed to the said second resolution,

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 61,
 { Nays 39.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston,
George Baer,
Theodorus Bailey,
Bailey Bartlett,
John Bird,
Phanuel Bishop,
Robert Brown,
Samuel J. Cabell,
Gabriel Christie,
Matthew Clay,
William C. C. Claiborne,
John Condit,
Thomas T. Davis,
John Dawson,
George Dent,
Joseph Dickson,

Joseph Eggleston,
Lucas Elmendorf,
Thomas Evans,
John Fowler,
Albert Gallatin,
Samuel Goode,
William Gordon,
Edwin Gray,
Andrew Gregg,
William Barry Grove,
John A. Hanna,
Robert Goodloe Harper,
Thomas Hartley,
Joseph Heister,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Huger,

George Jackson,
James Jones,
Aaron Kitchell,
Henry Lee,
Michael Leib,
Matthew Lyon,
James Linn,
Edward Livingston,
John Marshall,
Peter Muhlenberg,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
Joseph H. Nicholson,
Robert Page,
Josiah Parker,

Thomas Pinckney,
Leven Powell,
John Read,
James Sheafe,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Dobbs Spaight,
Richard Stanford,
David Stone,
Thomas Sumter,
Benjamin Taliaferro,
Richard Thomas,
John Thompson,
John Trigg, and
Philip Van Cortlandt.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

James A. Bayard,
Jonathan Brace,
John Brown,
Christopher G. Champlin,
William Cooper,
William Craik,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
Franklin Davenport,
John Dennis,
William Edmond,
Abiel Foster,
Dwight Foster,
Jonathan Freeman,
Henry Glen,
Chauncey Goodrich,
Elizur Goodrich,
Roger Griswold,
Archibald Henderson,
James H. Imlay,

John Wilkes Kittera,
Silas Lee,
Samuel Lyman,
Nathaniel Macon,
Lewis R. Morris,
Abraham Nott,
Harrison G. Otis,
Jonas Platt,
Samuel Sewall,
William Shepard,
John Smilie,
George Thatcher,
John Chew Thomas,
Abram Trigg,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Robert Waln,
Robert Williams,
Lemuel Williams, and
Henry Woods.

And then the main question being taken to agree to the said second resolution as amended,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 49,
 { Nays 51.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

George Baer,
Bailey Bartlett,
James A. Bayard,
John Bird,
Jonathan Brace,
Robert Brown,
Christopher G. Champlin,
William Cooper,
Franklin Davenport,
John Dennis,
George Dent,
Joseph Dickson,
Thomas Evans,
Abiel Foster,
Dwight Foster,
Jonathan Freeman,
Henry Glen,
Samuel Goode,
Chauncey Goodrich,
William Gordon,

William Barry Grove,
John A. Hanna,
Robert Goodloe Harper,
Thomas Hartley,
Archibald Henderson,
Benjamin Huger,
James H. Imlay,
Henry Lee,
Silas Lee,
John Marshall,
Lewis R. Morris,
Harrison G. Otis,
Robert Page,
Josiah Parker,
Thomas Pinckney,
Jonas Platt,
Leven Powell,
John Reed,
Samuel Sewall,
James Sheafe,

William Shepard,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Dobbs Spaight,
Richard Stanford,
George Thatcher,

Richard Thomas,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Peleg Wadsworth, and
Lemuel Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston,
Theodorus Bailey,
Phanuel Bishop,
John Brown,
Samuel J. Cabell,
Gabriel Christie,
Matthew Clay,
William Charles Cole Claiborne,
John Condit,
William Craik,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
Thomas T. Davis,
John Dawson,
William Edmond,
Joseph Eggleston,
Lucas Elmendorf,
John Fowler,
Albert Gallatin,
Elizur Goodrich,
Edwin Gray,
Andrew Gregg,
Roger Griswold,
Joseph Heister,
David Holmes,
George Jackson,

James Jones,
Aaron Kitchell,
John Wilkes Kittera,
Michael Leib,
Samuel Lyman,
Matthew Lyon,
James Linn,
Edward Livingston,
Nathaniel Macon,
Peter Muhlenberg,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
Joseph H. Nicholson,
Abraham Nott,
John Smilie,
David Stone,
Thomas Sumter,
Benjamin Taliaferro,
John Chew Thomas,
John Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
Robert Waln,
Robert Williams, and
Henry Woods.

A motion was then made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That this House do highly disapprove of the conduct of Captain M'Knight and Lieutenant Reynolds, towards John Randolph, a member of this House, on the evening of Friday, the tenth instant; but considering it as an indiscretion of youth, are unwilling to exercise their constitutional authority of punishment, under a hope that similar instances of misconduct will not occur in future: Whereupon,

The Speaker deciding the said motion not to be in order,

An appeal was made to the House from the decision of the chair;

And the question being taken that the House do concur with the Speaker in his said decision,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 56,
 { Nays 42.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

George Baer,
Bailey Bartlett,
James A. Bayard,
John Bird,
Jonathan Brace,
John Brown,
Christopher G. Champlin,
William Charles Cole Claiborne,
William Cooper,
William Craik,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
Franklin Davenport,
John Dennis,
Joseph Dickson,

William Edmond,
Thomas Evans,
Abiel Foster,
Dwight Foster,
Jonathan Freeman,
Henry Glen,
Samuel Goode,
Chauncey Goodrich,
Elizur Goodrich,
William Gordon,
Roger Griswold,
William Barry Grove,
Robert Goodloe Harper,
Archibald Henderson,
Benjamin Huger,

James H. Imlay,
 Aaron Kitchell,
 John Wilkes Kittera,
 Henry Lee,
 Silas Lee,
 Samuel Lyman,
 John Marshall,
 Lewis R. Morris,
 Abraham Nott,
 Harrison G. Otis,
 Robert Page,
 Josiah Parker,
 Thomas Pinckney,

Jonas Platt,
 Leven Powell,
 John Reed,
 Samuel Sewall,
 James Sheafe,
 William Shepard,
 George Thatcher,
 John Chew Thomas,
 Richard Thomas,
 Peleg Wadsworth,
 Robert Waln,
 Lemuel Williams, and
 Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston,
 Theodorus Bailey,
 Phanael Bishop,
 Robert Brown,
 Samuel J. Cabell,
 Gabriel Christie,
 Matthew Clay,
 John Condit,
 Thomas T. Davis,
 John Dawson,
 George Dent,
 Joseph Eggleston,
 Lucas Elmendorf,
 John Fowler,
 Albert Gallatin,
 Edwin Gray,
 Andrew Gregg,
 Joseph Heister,
 David Holmes,
 George Jackson,
 James Jones,

Michael Leib,
 Matthew Lyon,
 James Linn,
 Edward Livingston,
 Nathaniel Macon,
 Peter Muhlenberg,
 Anthony New,
 John Nicholas,
 Joseph H. Nicholson,
 John Randolph,
 John Smilie,
 Samuel Smith,
 Richard Dobbs Spaight,
 Richard Stanford,
 David Stone,
 Thomas Sumter,
 Benjamin Taliaferro,
 John Thompson,
 Abram Trigg,
 John Trigg, and
 Robert Williams.

And so the said motion was rejected.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 1800.

A petition of Elnathan Taylor was presented to the House and read, praying to be placed on the pension list, in consideration of wounds and other injuries sustained by the petitioner, whilst a soldier in the Army of the United States, during the late war.

Also, a petition of John Lowry, lately employed in the service of the United States as a rock-borer and blower, in the public canal near Harper's Ferry, praying relief in consideration of wounds and other injuries which he has sustained by the accidental bursting of a rock, while in the said employ, which has rendered him incapable of obtaining his livelihood by labor.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Northumberland, in the State of Pennsylvania, was presented to the House and read, praying that post offices may be established at Berwick, Cattewissa, and Danville, in the said State.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed, on the tenth ultimo, to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations are necessary in the laws establishing a post office and post roads within the United States.

A petition of sundry merchants and citizens, of the town of New Bedford, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, offering, for the acceptance of the Government, a light-house which has been built at their expense, on Clark's Point, at the entrance of Accushnett river, on condition that it be lighted at public expense, and praying that a certain number of buoys may be placed in Buzzards Bay, for the safety of the navigation of the same.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the bill for the reform of the Superior Court in the Territory of the United States Northwest of the river Ohio, be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that the said bill be re-committed to Mr. Craik, Mr. Harrison, and Mr. Bird, with instruction to report their opinion on the expediency of dividing the said Territory into two distinct Governments: *Provided*, That the line of division shall commence at the mouth of the Great Miami river, and run due North until it strikes the dividing line between the United States and Canada.

Resolved, That the order for a call of the House this day, at two o'clock, be rescinded.

The House proceeded in the third reading of the bill to establish an uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said bill be re-committed to a Committee of the Whole House immediately.

The House, accordingly, resolved itself into the said committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto.

The several orders of the day were postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 1800.

Ordered, That Mr. Platt have leave to be absent from the service of this House, for three weeks.

A petition of Hophini Smith was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for property belonging to the petitioner, which was taken for, and applied to, the use of the Army of the United States, during the late war.

Also, a petition of Duncan Campbell, a refugee from Nova Scotia, praying compensation for losses and injuries sustained by the petitioner in consequence of his adherence to the American cause, during the late war.

Also, a petition of Jacob Lomis, praying to be placed on the pension list, in consideration of wounds and other injuries sustained by the petitioner, whilst a soldier in the Army of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A petition of William White, of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, requesting the attention of Congress to a memorial presented by the petitioner, on the fifth of July, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, praying for a reduction of the duties upon certain wines imported by the petitioner from Cadiz, which were found to be of a base and impure quality; and stating that he is possessed of further facts in support of his said memorial.

Ordered, That the said petition and memorial be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Wadsworth, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined the enrolled resolution authorizing and directing the Secretary of State, to procure and transmit to the Governor of North Carolina, a number of copies of the laws of the United States, and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled resolution.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Griswold, from the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business, made a farther report, in part; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business do prepare and report a bill to revive and continue in force an act, entitled, "An act respecting the Mint."

The House proceeded to consider the amendments reported, yesterday, from the Committee of the Whole House to whom was recommitted the bill to establish an uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States: Whereupon,

The first amendment being twice read, was further amended at the Clerk's table, and, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

A motion being then made and seconded to postpone the further consideration of the said report of the Committee of the Whole House, until the first Monday in December next.

The previous question thereon was called for by five members, to wit : " Shall the main question, to agree to the said motion, be now put ?"

And, on the previous question, to wit : " Shall the said main question be now put ?"

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 41,
Nays 56.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston,
Theodorus Bailey,
Phanuel Bishop,
Robert Brown,
Samuel J. Cabell,
Gabriel Christie,
Matthew Clay,
William Charles Cole Claiborne,
John Condit,
Thomas T. Davis,
John Dawson,
Joseph Eggleston,
Lucas Elmendorf,
Albert Gallatin,
Samuel Goode,
Edwin Gray,
Andrew Gregg,
John A. Hanna,
Thomas Hartley,
Joseph Heister,
David Holmes,

George Jackson,
James Jones,
Aaron Kitchell,
Michael Leib,
Matthew Lyon,
Nathaniel Macon,
Peter Muhlenberg,
Anthony New,
John Nichols,
Joseph H. Nicholson,
John Randolph,
John Smilie,
Richard Stanford,
David Stone,
Thomas Sumter,
Benjamin Taliaferro,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
Philip Van Cortlandt, and
Robert Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

George Baer,
Bailey Bartlett,
James A. Bayard,
John Bird,
Jonathan Brace,
John Brown,
Christopher G. Champlin,
William Cooper,
William Craik,
John Davenport,
Franklin Davenport,
John Dennis,
George Dent,
Joseph Dickson,
William Edmond,
Thomas Evans,
Abiel Foster,
Jonathan Freeman,
Henry Glen,
Chauncey Goodrich,
Elizur Goodrich,
William Gordon,
Roger Griswold,
Robert Goodloe Harper,
Archibald Henderson,
William H. Hill,
Benjamin Huger,
James H. Imlay,

John Wilkes Kittera,
Henry Lee,
Silas Lee,
Samuel Lyman,
James Lynn,
Edward Livingston,
John Marshall,
Lewis R. Morris,
Abraham Nott,
Harrison G. Otis,
Robert Page,
Josiah Parker,
Thomas Pinckney,
Leven Powell,
John Reed,
John Rutledge, junior,
Samuel Sewall,
James Sheafe,
William Shepard,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Dobbs Spaight,
George Thatcher,
John Chew Thomas,
Richard Thomas,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Robert Waln,
Lemuel Williams, and
Henry Woods.

The other amendments reported from the Committee of the Whole, being twice read, were, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The said bill being then further amended at the Clerk's table,

A motion was made and seconded that the further consideration of the said bill be postponed until next Tuesday week : and the question being taken thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker. The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act providing for salvage in cases of recapture," with several amendments ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said amendments were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business, made the twenty-third instant, to whom were referred the amendments of the Senate to the bill to repeal part of an act, entitled "An act to provide for mitigating or remitting the forfeitures, penalties, and disabilities, accruing in certain cases therein mentioned ;" and the said report and amendments of the Senate, being again read,

Resolved, That this House doth disagree to the first amendment proposed by the Senate to the said bill.

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the other amendments of the Senate, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to discharge Robert Sturgeon from his imprisonment ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

The further orders of the day were postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1800.

An engrossed bill to discharge Robert Sturgeon from his imprisonment was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to discharge Robert Sturgeon from his imprisonment."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

On motion,

Ordered, That Mr. Dennis have leave to be absent from the service of this House for twelve days, and Mr. Nicholson for ten days.

A petition of David Wiley, in behalf of himself and other distillers, of York County, in the State of Pennsylvania, was presented to the House and read, praying a modification or amendment of the laws laying duties on spirits distilled within the United States, and on stills.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

A petition of Thomas Mare was presented to the House and read, praying that he may receive the amount of a certain certificate given to George Marks, for his services in the Army of the United States, during the late war ; which certificate has been purchased by the petitioner from John O'Niel, who purchased the same from the said Marks.

Also, a petition of Benjamin Kendrick, praying to be placed on the pension list, in consideration of wounds and other injuries received by the petitioner, whilst a soldier in the Army of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Macon, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred the several petitions of Henry Turner, Elnathan Taylor, George Willis, and Jacob Mead, made reports thereon ; which were severally read and considered : Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitions of the said Henry Turner, Elnathan Taylor, George Willis, and Jacob Mead, cannot be granted.

Mr. Wadsworth, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an enrolled resolution authorizing and directing the Secretary of State to procure and transmit to the Governor of North Carolina, a number of copies of the laws of the United States.

Mr. Smith, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented a bill for the relief of James Yard ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Griswold, from the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business, presented, according to order, a bill providing the means of intercourse between the United States and foreign nations ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

The further orders of the day were postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1800.

A memorial of Isaac Zane was presented to the House and read, praying that he may be permitted to retain the possession of a certain tract of land which was granted to him by the Wyandot nation of Indians, and which, by the cession of lands since made by the said nation, falls within the boundary of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed, on the twenty-fourth of December last, to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations are necessary in the laws providing for the sale of the lands of the United States Northwest of the Ohio.

Mr. Kittera, from the committee to whom was referred, on the tenth of December last, the petition of Lardner Clark, made a report ; which was read and considered : Whereupon,

Resolved, That, inasmuch as the Governor of the Northwestern Territory has full powers, under existing laws, to settle and adjust the claim of Lardner Clark, and to grant the prayer of his petition, if, in justice, he should think him entitled thereto, the interference of this House is unnecessary, and the precedent would be pernicious.

Mr. Smith, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented, according to order, a bill to continue in force an act concerning certain fisheries of the United States, and for the regulation and government of the fishermen employed therein, and for other purposes, as therein mentioned ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Harrison, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill in addition to an act, entitled "An act regulating the grants of land appropriated for military services, and for the Society of the United Brethren for propagating the Gospel among the Heathen ;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Griswold, from the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business, presented, according to order, a bill respecting the Mint ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Harper, from the Committee of Ways and Means, presented, according to order, a bill to establish a General Stamp Office ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolutions, to wit :

Resolved, That the first section of the second article of the Constitution of the United States, ought to be amended in such manner that the electors of President and Vice President of the United States, in giving their votes, shall designate and distinguish the person voted for as President, and the person voted for as Vice President ; and the person having the greatest number of votes for Vice President, if such number be a majority of the whole number of electors, shall be Vice President ; and if there be no choice, and two or more persons shall have the highest number of votes, and those equal, the Senate shall immediately choose, by ballot, one of them for Vice

President ; and if no person shall have a majority, then the Senate shall, in like manner, choose a Vice President from the five highest on the list : but in choosing the Vice President, the votes shall be taken by States, the Senators from each State having one vote. A quorum, for this purpose, shall consist of a member or members from two-thirds of the States ; and a majority of all the States shall be necessary to a choice.

Resolved, That the foregoing amendment be proposed to the Legislatures of the several States, to be ratified as a part of the Constitution of the United States.

Ordered, That the said motion be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to report on the expediency of amending so much of the act, entitled "An act to promote the progress of useful arts, and to repeal the act heretofore made for that purpose," as restricts the right of obtaining patents for useful discoveries and inventions, to citizens of the United States, and for extending the said right to all persons who shall have resided within the said States for a limited time ; and to the executors and administrators of the inventors of useful arts and inventions, who may have died before a patent has issued for such invention.

Ordered, That Mr. Harper, Mr. Kittera, Mr. Bird, Mr. Griswold, and Mr. Pinckney, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire whether any amendments are necessary to such parts of the laws as relate to arresting the non-commissioned officers and private soldiers of the United States, for debts or contracts.

Ordered, That Mr. Gordon, Mr. Bird, and Mr. Page, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution, with power to report thereon by bill or bills, or otherwise.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire whether any legislative provision is necessary for the purpose of carrying into effect the twenty-seventh article of the treaty of amity, commerce, and navigation, between the United States and the King of Great Britain.

Ordered, That Mr. Dana, Mr. Livingston, and Mr. Bayard, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution, and that the said committee have power to report thereon by bill or bills, or otherwise.

On motion,

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to lay before this House, copies of the requisition for, and other papers relative to, the apprehension and delivery of Jonathan Robbins, under the twenty-seventh article of the treaty of amity, commerce, and navigation, between the United States and the King of Great Britain : together with copies of the communications, if any, between either of the Executive Departments, and the judge of the District Court of South Carolina, on the subject.

Ordered, That Mr. Livingston and Mr. Claiborne be appointed a committee to wait on the President of the United States with the foregoing resolution.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the relief of James Yard ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Parker reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made two amendments thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Shaw, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, yesterday, approve and sign a resolution, which originated in this House, authorizing and directing the Secretary of State to procure and transmit to the Governor of the State of North Carolina, a number of copies of the laws of the United States.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The further orders of the day were postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1800.

An engrossed bill for the relief of James Yard was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the relief of James Yard."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of Abraham Neely was presented to the House and read, praying relief in consideration of wounds and other injuries sustained by the petitioner, whilst a Captain in the Army of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A petition of John Wilkins, junior, and others, was presented to the House and read, praying that a resurvey of certain lands purchased by the petitioners from the United States, may be granted, in consequence of a deficiency which appears upon actual admeasurement to exist; and that the amount of such deficiency may be deducted from the payment of the last moiety of the purchase money.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed, on the twenty-fourth of December last, to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations are necessary in the laws authorizing the sale of the lands of the United States Northwest of the Ohio.

Mr. Livingston, from the committee appointed, yesterday, to wait on the President of the United States with a resolution requesting him "to lay before this House, copies of the requisition for, and other papers relative to, the apprehension and delivering of Jonathan Robbins, under the twenty-seventh article of the treaty of amity, commerce, and navigation, between the United States and the King of Great Britain, together with copies of the communications, if any, between either of the Executive Departments and the judge of the District Court of South Carolina, on the subject," reported that the committee had, according to order, performed that service, and that the President had signified to them, that he would take the request of the said resolution into consideration, and return an answer in due season.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker: The Senate recede from their amendment disagreed to by this House to the bill, entitled "An act to repeal part of an act, entitled 'An act to provide for mitigating or remitting the forfeitures, penalties, and disabilities, accruing in certain cases therein mentioned;'" and doth agree to the amendments proposed by this House to the other amendments of the Senate to the said bill. And then he withdrew.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter and report from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying two statements in relation to the internal revenues of the United States, made in pursuance of a resolution of the House of the sixth of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, and an act of Congress, passed on the eleventh of July, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill declaring the assent of Congress to certain acts of the States of Rhode Island, Maryland, and Georgia; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Parker reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill in addition to an act, entitled "An act regulating the grants of land appropriated for military services, and for the Society of the United Brethren for propagating the Gospel among the Heathen;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Parker reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1800.

A petition of Josiah Jones was presented to the House and read, praying relief in consideration of wounds and other injuries sustained by the petitioner, whilst a soldier in the Army of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A petition of sundry merchants and traders of the towns of Bristol, Warren, and Barrington, in the district of Rhode Island, was presented to the House and read, praying

that so much of the district of Newport as is included in the county of Bristol, may be made a district by itself, and that the ports of Bristol, Warren, and Barrington, shall constitute one port of entry.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill giving further time to the holders of military warrants to register and locate the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Harrison, Mr. D. Foster, and Mr. Gallatin, be appointed a committee to prepare and bring in a bill pursuant to the said resolution; and that the said committee have leave to sit during the sitting of the House.

Mr. Harrison, from the last mentioned committee, presented according to order, a bill giving further time to the holders of military warrants to register and locate the same; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House immediately.

The House, accordingly, resolved itself into the said committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Parker reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made two amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were twice read, amended, and agreed to by the House.

The said bill was then further amended at the Clerk's table, and, together with the amendments, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John Vaughan." And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill declaring the assent of Congress to certain acts of the States of Maryland, Rhode Island, and Georgia; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Parker reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

The said bill was then further amended at the Clerk's table, and, together with the amendments, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill respecting the Mint; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Parker reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill in addition to an act, entitled "An act regulating the grants of land appropriated for military services, and for the Society of the United Brethren for propagating the Gospel among the Heathen;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Parker reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

The said bill was then further amended at the Clerk's table, and, together with the amendments, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act providing for the enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States," with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1800.

An engrossed bill in addition to an act, entitled "An act regulating the grants of land appropriated for military services, and for the Society of the United Brethren for propagating the Gospel among the Heathen," was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act in addition to an act, entitled 'An act regulating the grants of land appropriated for military services,

and for the Society of the United Brethren for propagating the Gospel among the Heathen."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill respecting the Mint was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act respecting the Mint."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill declaring the assent of Congress to certain acts of the States of Rhode Island, Maryland, and Georgia, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act declaring the assent of Congress to certain acts of the States of Maryland and Georgia."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill giving further time to the holders of military warrants to register and locate the same was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act giving further time to the holders of military warrants to register and locate the same."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of sundry inhabitants of the Northwestern Territory, residing on lands purchased from John Cleves Symmes, was presented to the House and read, praying that the said Symmes may be allowed to complete his contract with the United States, or that such other relief may be granted to the petitioners as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed, on the twenty-fourth of December last, to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations are necessary to be made in the laws authorizing the sale of the lands of the United States Northwest of the Ohio.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Shaw, his Secretary, as followeth:

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

In consequence of your request to me, conveyed in your resolution of the fourth of this month, I directed the Secretary of State to lay before me copies of the papers intended. These copies, together with his report, I now transmit to the House of Representatives, for the consideration of the members.

JOHN ADAMS.

UNITED STATES, *February 7th*, 1800.

The said message, and papers accompanying the same, were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act providing for the enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States," were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Nathan Huston, made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the said petition ought not to be granted.

A motion was made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the Collectors of the direct tax in North Carolina, to receive, in payment thereof, the paper money of that State; and report by bill or otherwise:

And, the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill providing the means of intercourse between the United States and foreign nations; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Parker reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from the further consideration of the said bill, and that the same be recommitted to the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next. And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10. 1800.

A memorial of Stephen Smith, Collector of the Customs for the District of Machias, was presented to the House and read, stating the insufficiency of the compensation at present allowed him by law, and praying that the same may be increased, and rendered more adequate to his services.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a statement of goods, wares, and merchandise, exported from the United States, during one year prior to the first of October, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Smith, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred, on the seventeenth of December last, the petition of Henry Stouffer and Andrew Wallace, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

Mr. Wadsworth, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported, that the committee had examined two enrolled bills: one entitled "An act to repeal part of an act, entitled 'An act to provide for mitigating or remitting the forfeitures, penalties, and disabilities, accruing in certain cases therein mentioned, and to continue in force the residue of the same,'" and the other entitled "An act for the relief of John Vaughan;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Dana, from the Committee of Elections, made a further report, in part; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was read, and is as followeth:

"That, from an examination of their credentials, the following members appear entitled to seats in the House, to wit:

From New Hampshire,	James Sheafe.
From Maryland,	John Dennis,
From Virginia,	{ Samuel J. Cabell, and
	{ Samuel Goode.
From North Carolina,	{ Richard Dobbs Spaight, and
	{ Robert Williams.
From South Carolina,	{ Benjamin Huger,
	{ Thomas Pinckney,
	{ John Rutledge, jun. and
	{ Thomas Sumter.
From Kentucky,	{ Thomas T. Davis, and
	{ John Fowler."

A motion being made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the term of payment allowed by law on bonds which have been given, and which shall become due prior to the first day of August next, for duties of impost, may be extended for sixty days in all cases, respectively, where it shall be required by the parties, and when the recovery of such impost shall not be endangered thereby:

Provided, That, in every case of such additional credit, there shall be required and paid on such bonds, respectively, interest at the rate of one-half per cent. per month, from the time such duties shall be respectively due and payable according to law:

Ordered, That the said motion be committed to a Committee of the Whole House immediately.

The House, accordingly, resolved itself into the said committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said motion under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their agreement to the same.

The question was then taken that the House do agree with the Committee of the Whole House in their agreement to the said motion,

And resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant thereto, and that the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures do prepare and bring in the same.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying two statements, exhibiting the amount of duties and drawbacks on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into the United States, and exported therefrom, during the years 1795, 1796, 1797, and 1798, in pursuance of an order of the House, of the third of March, 1797; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the operation of the acts making provision for the establishment of trading houses with the Indian tribes; and, also, into the expediency of reviving and continuing in force the said acts.

Ordered, That Mr. Claiborne, Mr. Nicholas, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Thatcher, and Mr. Elizur Goodrich, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

Ordered, That the petition of Amy Dardin, presented the twenty-eighth ultimo, and which lay on the table, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion,

Resolved, That the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives be authorized to close the present session, by adjourning their respective Houses on the first Monday in April next.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1800.

A petition of Jonas Fauche, in behalf of himself and the officers and soldiers of a troop of militia dragoons formerly under his command, was presented to the House and read, praying that they may receive the balance of pay and other emoluments due for their services on an expedition against the Creek and Cherokee Indians, from the twenty-third of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, to the twenty-ninth of February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, by order of the Governor of Georgia.

Also, a petition of Samuel Lewis, sen. late a Clerk in the War Office, stating that, upon a settlement of his account with the United States, a balance has been found due from him to the United States, for which he is now imprisoned; that he is unable to discharge the same; and praying that he may be liberated from his confinement.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the matter thereof, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. Wadsworth, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, two enrolled bills: one entitled "An act for the relief of John Vaughan;" and another entitled "An act to repeal part of an act, entitled 'An act to provide for mitigating or remitting the forfeitures, penalties, and disabilities, accruing in certain cases therein mentioned, and to continue in force the residue of the same.'"

Mr. Smith, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented, according to order, a bill to allow a drawback of duties on goods exported to New Orleans, and therein to amend the act, entitled "An act to regulate the collection of the duties on imports and tonnage;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act giving further time to the holders of military warrants to register and locate the same."

Mr. Smith, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented, according to order, a bill extending the time of payment of bonds given for duties of impost in certain cases; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Gordon, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill in addition to the laws relative to the Military Establishment of the United States; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Smith, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented, according to order, a bill further to suspend the commercial intercourse between the United States and France, and the dependencies thereof; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Wadsworth, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act giving further time to the holders of military warrants to register and locate the same," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Smith, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred the amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act providing for salvage in cases of re-capture," made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred the several petitions of Thomas Mare, of John Stotesbury, of Daniel Cook, of Susannah Fowle, and of Jacob Herman, made reports thereon; which were severally read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitions of the said Thomas Mare, John Stotesbury, and Daniel Cook, cannot be granted.

Resolved, That the said Susannah Fowle have leave to withdraw her petition.

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of the said Jacob Herman is unreasonable, and ought to be rejected.

Ordered, That the committee appointed to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations are necessary in the laws establishing a post office and post roads within the United States, have leave to report by bill or bills, or otherwise.

Ordered, That the petition of Thomas Arnold, presented the eleventh of February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

The House, according to order, resumed the consideration of the bill to establish an uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States; and the same being further amended at the Clerk's table, was ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

Mr. Wadsworth, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act giving further time to the holders of military warrants to register and locate the same."

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1800.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill extending the time of payment of bonds given for duties of impost, in certain cases; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from the further consideration of the said bill, and that the same be re-committed to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill further to suspend the commercial intercourse between the United States and France, and the dependencies thereof; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

John Bird,
Jonathan Brace,
John Brown,

Christopher G. Champlin,
 William Cooper,
 William Craik,
 John Davenport,
 Franklin Davenport,
 George Dent,
 Joseph Dickson,
 William Edmond,
 Thomas Evans,
 Abiel Foster,
 Dwight Foster,
 Jonathan Freeman,
 Henry Glen,
 Chauncey Goodrich,
 Elizur Goodrich,
 William Gordon,
 Edwin Gray,
 Roger Griswold,
 William Barry Grove,
 William H. Hill,
 James H. Imlay,
 John Wilkes Kittera,
 Henry Lee,

Silas Lee,
 Samuel Lyman,
 James Linn,
 John Marshall,
 Lewis R. Morris,
 Harrison G. Otis,
 Robert Page,
 Thomas Pinckney,
 Leven Powell,
 John Reed,
 John Rutledge, jun.
 Samuel Sewall,
 James Sheafe,
 William Shepard,
 Samuel Smith,
 George Thatcher,
 John Chew Thomas,
 Richard Thomas,
 Peleg Wadsworth,
 Robert Waln,
 Lemuel Williams, and
 Henry Woods.

And then the question being taken that the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time,

It passed in the negative.

And so the said bill was rejected.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1800.

A petition of Moses Gill, of the State of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, praying that he may receive the amount of the principal of certain loan office certificates, the property of the petitioner, with interest thereon, from the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A petition of sundry merchants and traders of the towns of Bristol, Warren, and Barrington, in the District of Rhode Island, was presented to the House and read, praying that so much of the District of Newport as is included in the county of Bristol, may be made a district by itself, and that the ports of Bristol, Warren, and Barrington, shall constitute one port of entry.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Jacob Lomis, made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of the said Jacob Lomis cannot be granted.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of Duncan Campbell, made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of the said Duncan Campbell ought to be rejected.

Mr. Henry Lee, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill more effectually to provide for the national defence, by establishing an uniform militia throughout the United States; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on next Monday week.

Mr. Smith, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was, yesterday, re-committed the bill extending the time of payment of bonds given for duties of impost, in certain cases, reported an amendatory bill to extend the time of payment of bonds given for duties of impost; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Otis, from the committee to whom was referred, on the ninth of December last, so much of the President's speech as relates to "a system of national defence, commensurate with our resources and the situation of our country," laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War to the chairman of the said committee, relative to the establishment of military schools ; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to prepare and report a bill containing such legislative provisions as may be judged expedient either for removing any military force of the United States from the places of holding elections, or for preventing the interfering of any such force with said elections ; and that Mr. Marshall, Mr. Leib, and Mr. Otis, do prepare and bring in the same.

The orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1800.

A petition of sundry inhabitants of the Northwestern Territory, actual settlers upon lands purchased from John Cleves Symmes, was presented to the House and read, praying that they may be allowed to retain possession of the said lands upon reasonable terms ; or that the said Symmes may be permitted to complete his contract with the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed, on the twenty-fourth of December last, to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations are necessary in the laws authorizing the sale of the lands of the United States Northwest of the Ohio.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Hophini Smith, made a report ; which was read and considered : Whereupon,

Resolved, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his said petition.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations ought to be made in the compensation allowed to the officers of the two Houses of Congress.

Ordered, That Mr. Abiel Foster, Mr. Livingston, and Mr. Rutledge, be appointed a committee pursuant to the said resolution.

Mr. Smith, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, instructed, on the fifteenth ultimo, to inquire and report in what manner, and to what effect, the act suspending commercial intercourse with France, has been executed, made a report ; which was read, and ordered to be committed to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the bill further to suspend the commercial intercourse between the United States and France, and the dependencies thereof.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill further to suspend the commercial intercourse between the United States and France, and the dependencies thereof ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a further progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Shaw, his Secretary, as followeth :

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

I transmit, herewith, a copy of the laws enacted by the Governor and Judges of the Mississippi Territory, for the inspection of Congress. There being but this one copy, I must request the House, when they have made the requisite examination, to send it to the Senate.

JOHN ADAMS.

UNITED STATES, February 14, 1800.

The message, together with the papers accompanying the same, were read, and ordered to be referred to the committee to whom was referred, on the thirteenth ultimo, the petitions of Cato West, and others.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1800.

Ordered, That the third reading of the bill to establish an uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States, be postponed until to-morrow.

A petition of sundry owners of ships and vessels belonging to the ports of Biddeford and Pepperelborough, was presented to the House and read, praying that they may be allowed the privilege of transporting, coastwise, in their own vessels, from other districts into the port of Pepperelborough, goods which have been imported into the United States, without thereby losing the benefit of drawback to which the same would otherwise be entitled upon exportation.

Also, a petition of sundry musical instrument makers, of the cities of New York and Philadelphia, praying that a higher duty may be imposed upon musical instruments imported from abroad.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Ordered, That the memorial of Ebenezer Hazard, presented the eighth of February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter and report from the Secretary of War, and the Secretary and Comptroller of the Treasury, on the claim of Seth Harding, made in pursuance of the act, entitled "An act for the relief of the refugees from the British provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia;" which was read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. Livingston, Mr. Pinckney, and Mr. Griswold.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of the Corporation of Rhode Island College, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

Mr. Wadsworth, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to suspend, in part, an act, entitled 'An act to augment the Army of the United States, and for other purposes,'" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from Edward Hand, President of the Society of the Cincinnati for the State of Pennsylvania, containing an invitation from the said society to the Speaker and members of the House to attend the delivery of an eulogium, by one of the members of that society, in honor of the memory of General GEORGE WASHINGTON, on Saturday, the twenty-second instant; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to extend the time of payment of bonds given for duties of impost, in certain cases; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill further to suspend the commercial intercourse between the United States and France, and the dependencies thereof; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a further progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

Mr. Wadsworth, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to suspend, in part, an act, entitled 'An act to augment the Army of the United States, and for other purposes.'"

Ordered, That the message of the President of the United States, of the seventh instant, transmitting the papers relative to the requisition for, and delivery of, Jonathan Robbins, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That the conduct of the Executive Government of the United States in relation to the requisition made by his Britannic Majesty's Minister, of the delivery up to justice of Thomas Nash, otherwise called Jonathan Robbins, upon the charge of murder committed on board of the Hermione British frigate; which said Nash had sought an

asylum within the United States, was conformable to the duty of the Government, and to the obligations of good faith, stipulated in the twenty-seventh article of the treaty of amity, commerce, and navigation, made with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said motion be committed to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the message of the President of the United States, transmitting the papers relative to the requisition for, and delivery of, Jonathan Robbins.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1800.

An engrossed bill extending the time of payment of bonds given for duties, in certain cases, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act extending the time of payment of bonds given for duties, in certain cases."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

On motion,

Ordered, That the third reading of the bill to establish an uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States, be postponed until to-morrow.

A petition of sundry ship owners, of the ports of Warren and Barrington, in opposition to a petition of sundry merchants and traders of the said ports, presented the sixth instant, was presented to the House and read, stating the inconveniences which would result to the petitioners in case that of the said merchants and traders should be granted.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

A petition of Thomas Johnson, of the State of Tennessee, in behalf of himself and other officers, and the men of two companies of mounted infantry belonging to Mero district, in the said State, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for services performed by them when called into the actual service of the United States, in the Fall of the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, by Brigadier General Robertson.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A petition of Thomas Britt was presented to the House and read, praying the remission of the penalties incurred on a bond given by the petitioner to the Collector of the customs of the port of Edenton, in North Carolina, in pursuance of the act "concerning the registering and recording of ships and vessels," for certain reasons therein expressed.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

A petition of John Mountjoy was presented to the House and read, stating that, upon application at the War Office, for a warrant for lands due him for his services as a Captain in the Army of the United States, during the late war, it appears that the warrant intended for the petitioner has been taken out of the office by some person unknown; and praying that a new warrant may issue to the petitioner.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed, on the twelfth instant, to inquire into the expediency of passing a law to regulate the manner of entering caveats to prevent the issuing of patents for land granted for military services.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the fifth instant, the petition of Abraham Neely, made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his said petition.

Mr. Marshall, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for removing any military force of the United States from the places of holding elections; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

Mr. Harrison, from the committee appointed, on the twenty-fourth of December last, to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations are necessary in the laws authorizing the sale of the lands of the United States Northwest of the Ohio, made a report, in part; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

Mr. Smith, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented a bill for the relief of Thomas Arnold; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

Mr. Claiborne, from the committee to whom were referred, on the thirteenth ultimo, the petitions of Cato West, and others, made a report, in part; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill further to suspend the commercial intercourse between the United States and France, and the dependencies thereof; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table:

Whereupon, an adjournment being called for,

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1800.

Ordered, That the third reading of the bill to establish an uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States, be postponed until to-morrow.

On motion,

Ordered, That the petition of Thomas Frothingham, presented the twenty-fourth of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the thirteenth instant, the petition of Moses Gill, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Harrison, from the committee appointed, on the twenty-fourth of December last, to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations are necessary in the laws providing for the sale of the lands of the United States in the territory Northwest of the Ohio, made a further report, in part; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments reported yesterday from the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed the bill further to suspend the commercial intercourse between the United States and France, and the dependencies thereof; and the same being read at the Clerk's table, the amendment reported by the Committee of the Whole House, to strike out the seventh section of the said bill, was, on the question taken thereupon, disagreed to by the House.

The other amendments reported by the Committee of the Whole House, were, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

A motion was then made and seconded further to amend the said bill, by striking out, in the second section thereof, the words "excepting for foreign ships or vessels owned, hired, and employed, by persons permanently residing in foreign countries, and without the limits of the United States, and commanded and wholly navigated by foreigners:"

And, the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 39,
 { Nays 56.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Bailey Bartlett,
Jonathan Brace,
John Brown,
Christopher G. Champlin,
William Cooper,
William Craik,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
Franklin Davenport,
William Edmond,
Thomas Evans,
Abiel Foster,
Dwight Foster,
Jonathan Freeman,

Henry Glen,
Chauncey Goodrich,
Elizur Goodrich,
Edwin Gray,
Roger Griswold,
Robert Goodloe Harper,
Archibald Henderson,
James H. Imlay,
John Wilkes Kittera,
Silas Lee,
Samuel Lyman,
Harrison G. Otis,
Robert Page,
Thomas Pinckney,

Leven Powell,
John Reed,
John Rutledge, jun.
Samuel Sewall,
William Shepard,
George Thatcher,

Those who voted in the negative, are;

Willis Alston,
George Baer;
Theodorus Bailey,
John Bird,
Phanuel Bishop,
Robert Brown,
Samuel J. Cabell,
Gabriel Christie,
Matthew Clay,
William Charles Cole Claiborne,
John Condit,
Thomas T. Davis,
John Dawson,
George Dent,
Joseph Dickson,
Joseph Eggleston,
Lucas Elmendorf,
John Fowler,
Albert Gallatin,
Samuel Goode,
Andrew Gregg,
William Barry Grove,
John A. Hanna,
Thomas Hartley,
Joseph Heister,
William H. Hill,
David Holmes,
James Jones.

Richard Thomas,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Robert Waln,
Lemuel Williams, and
Henry Woods.

Aaron Kitchell,
Henry Lee,
Michael Leib,
Matthew Lyon,
James Linn,
Edward Livingston,
Nathaniel Macon,
John Marshall,
Lewis R. Morris,
Peter Muhlenburg,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
Abraham Nott,
John Randolph,
John Smilie,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Dobbs Spaight,
Richard Stanford,
David Stone,
Thomas Sumter,
Benjamin Taliaferro,
John Chew Thomas,
John Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Joseph B. Varnum, and
Robert Williams.

A motion was then made further to amend the said bill, by striking out, in the said second section, the words "*foreign countries and without the limits of the United States,*" and inserting, in lieu thereof, the word "Europe;" and the question being taken thereupon,

pon,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 50,
 { Nays 46.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

George Baer,
Bailey Bartlett,
John Bird,
Jonathan Brace,
John Brown,
Christopher G. Champlin,
William Cooper,
William Craik,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
Franklin Davenport,
William Edmond,
Thomas Evans,
Abiel Foster,
Dwight Foster,
Jonathan Freeman,
Henry Glen,
Chauncey Goodrich,
Elizur Goodrich,

William Gordon,
Edwin Gray,
Roger Griswold,
Robert Goodloe Harper,
Thomas Hartley,
Archibald Henderson,
William H. Hill,
James H. Imlay,
John Wilkes Kittara,
Henry Lee,
Silas Lee,
Samuel Lyman,
John Marshall,
Lewis R. Morris,
Abraham Nott,
Harrison G. Otis,
Robert Page,
Thomas Pinckney,
Leven Powell,

John Reed,
John Rutledge, jun.
Samuel Sewall,
William Shepard,
Richard Dobbs Spaight,
George Thatcher,

John Chew Thomas,
Richard Thomas,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Robert Wain,
Lemuel Williams, and
Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston,
Theodorus Bailey,
Phanuel Bishop,
Robert Brown,
Samuel J. Cabell,
Gabriel Christie,
Matthew Clay,
William Charles Cole Claiborne,
John Condit,
Thomas T. Davis,
John Dawson,
George Dent,
Joseph Dickson,
Joseph Eggleston,
Lucas Elmendorf,
John Fowler,
Albert Gallatin,
Samuel Goode,
Andrew Gregg,
William Barry Grove,
John A. Hanna,
Joseph Heister,
David Holmes,

James Jones,
Aaron Kitchell,
Michael Leib,
Matthew Lyon,
James Linn,
Edward Livingston,
Nathaniel Macon,
Peter Muhlenberg,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
John Randolph,
John Smilie,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
David Stone,
Thomas Sumter,
Benjamin Taliaferro,
John Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Joseph B. Varnum, and
Robert Williams.

The said bill was then further amended at the Clerk's table, and, together with the amendments, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

On motion,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry citizens and inhabitants of the counties of Washington and Allegany, in the State of Pennsylvania, presented the twenty-second of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six; the petition of Andrew Finley and others, citizens of the county of Westmoreland, in the said State, presented the eighteenth of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven; and the memorial of sundry inhabitants of the four Western counties of Pennsylvania, presented the thirtieth of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight; together with the report of the Committee of Claims thereon, made the fifth of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The several orders of the day were postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1800.

A petition of Samuel Halcy was presented to the House and read, stating that he has formed a commodious harbor, at a considerable expense, among certain islands in the State of Massachusetts, greatly advantageous to commerce, but which he is unable to keep in repair; and praying the assistance of Congress for that purpose.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the matter thereof, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

An engrossed bill further to suspend the commercial intercourse between the United States and France, and the dependencies thereof, was read the third time;

And, on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 68,
 { Nays 28.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston,
George Baer,
Bailey Bartlett,
James A. Bayard,
John Bird,
Jonathan Brace,
John Brown,
Christopher G. Champlin,
William Charles Cole Claiborne,
John Condit,
William Cooper,
William Craik,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
Franklin Davenport,
Thomas T. Davis,
George Dent,
Joseph Dickson,
William Edmond,
Thomas Evans,
Abiel Foster,
Jonathan Freeman,
Albert Gallatin,
Henry Glen,
Samuel Goode,
Chauncey Goodrich,
Elizur Goodrich,
William Gordon,
Edwin Gray,
Roger Griswold,
William Barry Grove,
Robert Goodloe Harper,
Thomas Hartley,
Joseph Heister,

Archibald Henderson,
William H. Hill,
James H. Imlay,
James Jones,
Aaron Kitchell,
John Wilkes Kittera,
Henry Lee,
Silas Lee,
Samuel Lyman,
James Linn,
John Marshall,
Lewis R. Morris,
Abraham Nott,
Harrison G. Otis,
Robert Page,
Thomas Pinckney,
Leven Powell,
John Reed,
John Rutledge, jun.
Samuel Sewall,
William Shepard,
John Smilie,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Dobbs Spaight,
Richard Stanford,
Benjamin Taliaferro,
George Thatcher,
John Chew Thomas,
Richard Thomas,
John Thompson,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Robert Wain,
Lemuel Williams, and
Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Theodorus Bailey,
Robert Brown,
Samuel J. Cabell,
Gabriel Christie,
Matthew Clay,
John Dawson,
Joseph Eggleston,
Lucas Elmendorf,
John Fowler,
Andrew Gregg,
John A. Hanna,
David Holmes,
George Jackson,
Michael Leib,

Matthew Lyon,
Edward Livingston,
Nathaniel Macon,
Peter Muhlenberg,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
John Randolph,
David Stone,
Thomas Sumter,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Joseph B. Varnum, and
Robert Williams.

Resolved, That the title of the said bill be, "An act further to suspend the commercial intercourse between the United States and France, and the dependencies thereof."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of John Pitchlynn, by Anthony Foster, his Attorney, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for his services as interpreter to the Choctaw nation of Indians, from the first day of February, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-six, to the first day of July one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims, with power to report thereon by bill or bills, or otherwise.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was re-committed, on the thirty-first ultimo, the petition of Ludwig Kuhn, together with a former report of the Committee of Claims thereon, made a report; which was read, and considered; Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of the said Ludwig Kuhn cannot be granted.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be directed to inquire whether any, and what, farther credit may be given for duties on the articles of produce imported from the West Indies, into the ports of the United States; and that they report by bill or bills, or otherwise.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Shaw, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign an act, which originated in this House, entitled "An act to suspend in part, an act, entitled 'An act to augment the Army of the United States, and for other purposes.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution, to wit:

"*Resolved*, That it appears to this House that a person calling himself Jonathan Robbins, and claiming to be a citizen of the United States, impressed on board a British ship of war, was committed for trial in one of the Courts of the United States, for the alleged crime of piracy and murder committed on the high seas, on board the British frigate *Hermione*. That a requisition being, subsequent to such commitment, made by the British Minister, to the Executive of the United States, for the delivery of the said person (under the name of Thomas Nash) as a fugitive under the twenty-seventh article of the treaty with Great Britain, the President of the United States did, by a letter written from the Department of State, to the Judge who committed the said person for trial, officially declare his opinion to the said Judge, that he 'considered an offence committed on board a public ship of war on the high seas, to have been committed within the jurisdiction of the nation to whom the ship belongs;' and in consequence of such opinion and construction, did advise and request the said Judge to deliver up the person, so claimed, to the agent of Great Britain who should appear to receive him: Provided, only, that the stipulated evidence of his criminality should be produced. That, in compliance with such advice and request of the President of the United States, the said person so committed for trial, was, by the Judge of the District Court of South Carolina, without any presentment or trial by jury, or any investigation of his claim to be a citizen of the United States, delivered up to an officer of his Britannic Majesty, and afterwards tried by a court martial and executed, on a charge of mutiny and murder.

"*Resolved*, That, inasmuch as the Constitution of the United States declares that the judiciary power shall extend to all questions arising under the constitution, laws, and treaties, of the United States, and to all cases of admiralty and maritime jurisdiction; and, also, that the trial of all crimes, except in cases of impeachment, shall be by jury, and such trial shall be held in the State where such crime shall have been committed; but when not committed within any State, then at such place or places as Congress may by law have directed: And inasmuch as it is directed by law, that the offence of murder committed on the high seas shall be deemed to be piracy and murder, and that 'the trial of all crimes committed on the high seas, or in any place out of the jurisdiction of any particular State, shall be in the District where the offender is apprehended, or into which he may be first brought;' therefore the several questions whether the alleged crime of piracy and murder was committed within the exclusive jurisdiction of Great Britain; whether it comes within the purview of the said twenty-seventh article; and whether a person, stating that he was an American citizen, and had committed the act of which he was accused, in attempting to regain his liberty from illegal imprisonment, ought to be delivered up without any investigation of his claim to citizenship, or inquiry into the facts alleged in his defence, are all matters exclusively of judicial inquiry, as arising from treaties, laws, Constitutional provisions, and cases of admiralty and maritime jurisdiction.

"That the decision of those questions by the President of the United States, against the jurisdiction of the courts of the United States, in a case where those courts had already assumed and exercised jurisdiction; and his advice and request to the Judge of the District Court, that the person thus charged should be delivered up; provided only such evidence of his criminality should be produced as would justify his apprehension and commitment for trial, are a dangerous interference of the Executive with judicial decisions; and that the compliance with such advice and request on the part of the Judge of the District Court of South Carolina, is a sacrifice of the Constitutional independence of the judicial power, and exposes the administration thereof to suspicion and reproach."

Ordered, That the said motion be committed to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed the message of the President of the United States, of the seventh

instant, transmitting the papers relative to the requisition for, and delivery of, Jonathan Robbins.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1800.

An engrossed bill to establish an uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States was read the third time;

And, on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative, the House being equally divided, to wit: Yeas 48, Nays 48.

And Mr. Speaker declaring himself with the yeas.

The yeas and nays, as demanded by one-fifth of the members present, are as follow:

George Baer,
Bailey Bartlett,
James A. Bayard,
John Bird,
Jonathan Brace,
John Brown,
Christopher G. Champlin,
William Cooper,
William Craik,
Samuel W. Dana,
Franklin Davenport,
George Dent,
Joseph Dickson,
William Edmond,
Thomas Evans,
Abiel Foster,
Henry Glen,
Chauncey Goodrich,
Elizur Goodrich,
William Gordon,
Roger Griswold,
Robert Goodloe Harper,
Thomas Hartley,
Archibald Henderson,

James H. Inlay,
John Wilkes Kittera,
Henry Lee,
Silas Lee,
Edward Livingston,
John Marshall,
Lewis R. Morris,
Abraham Nott,
Harrison G. Otis
Thomas Pinckney,
Leven Powell,
John Reed,
John Rutledge, jun.
Samuel Sewall,
James Sheafe,
William Shepard,
Samuel Smith,
George Thatcher,
John Chew Thomas,
Richard Thomas,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Robert Waln,
Lemuel Williams, and
Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston,
Theodorus Bailey,
Phanuel Bishop,
Robert Brown,
Samuel J. Cabell,
Gabriel Christie,
Matthew Clay,
John Condit,
Thomas T. Davis,
John Dawson,
Joseph Eggleston,
Lucas Elmendorf,
Dwight Foster,
John Fowler,
Albert Gallatin,
Samuel Goode,
Edwin Gray,
Andrew Gregg,
William Barry Grove,
John A. Hanna,
Joseph Heister,
William H. Hill,
David Holmes,
George Jackson,

James Jones,
Aaron Kitchell,
Michael Leib,
Samuel Lyman,
Matthew Lyon,
James Linn,
Nathaniel Macon,
Peter Muhlenberg,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
Robert Page,
John Randolph,
John Smilie,
Richard Dobbs Spaight,
Richard Stanford,
David Stone,
Thomas Sumter,
Benjamin Taliaferro,
John Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Joseph B. Varnum, and
Robert Williams.

Resolved, That the title be, "An act to establish an uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A memorial of sundry natives of Great Britain, at present residing in Mount Pleasant, in the State of New York, was presented to the House and read, praying a modification or amendment of the act, entitled "An act concerning aliens."

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Griswold, Mr. Van Cortlandt, and Mr. Craik.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, of the eleventh instant, to whom was referred the amendment of the Senate to the bill providing for salvage in cases of re-capture; and the said report and amendment being again read,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said amendment of the Senate, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said amendments to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Davis, from the committee to whom was referred, on the eighteenth instant, the petition of John Mountjoy, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the eleventh of December last, the petition of Campbell Smith, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Harrison, from the committee to whom was referred, on the fourth instant, the petition of Isaac Zane, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Tuesday next.

Mr. Harper, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to whom was referred, on the third instant, the petition of David Wiley and others, made a report; which was read, and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of the said David Wiley and others, cannot be granted.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have appointed Mr. Schureman of the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, on their part. The Senate have resolved to meet to-morrow, at half past twelve o'clock, at the Senate chamber, and from thence to walk in procession to the church in Race-street, to hear the eulogium pronounced on the character of General WASHINGTON. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Harper, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Ordered, That the committee appointed, on the fourth instant, to report on the expediency of amending, in certain respects, the act, entitled "An act to promote the progress of useful arts, and to repeal the act heretofore made for that purpose," have leave to report by bill or bills, or otherwise; and that they be instructed to inquire whether any, and what, amendments are necessary to be made to the fifth section of the said act.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act in addition to an act, entitled 'An act regulating the grants of land appropriated for military services, and for the Society of the United Brethren for propagating the Gospel among the Heathen,'" with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said amendments were read, and referred to Mr. Harrison, Mr. Brace, and Mr. Gallatin.

Mr. Harper, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to extend the privilege of obtaining patents for useful discoveries and inventions, to certain persons therein mentioned, and to enlarge and define the penalties for violating the rights of patentees; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to allow a drawback of duties on goods exported to New

Orleans, and therein to amend the act, entitled "An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next. The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next. And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY, 24, 1800.

Ordered, That Mr. Morris have leave to be absent from the service of this House for twenty days.

An engrossed bill to allow a drawback of duties on goods exported to New Orleans, and therein to amend the act, entitled "An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage, was read the third time."

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to allow a drawback of duties on goods exported to New Orleans, and therein to amend the act, entitled 'An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Thatcher, from the committee appointed, on the tenth of December last, to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations are necessary in the laws establishing a post office and post roads throughout the United States, presented, according to order, a bill to alter and establish sundry post roads; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report made the eighteenth instant, by the committee appointed to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations are necessary in the laws providing for the sale of the lands of the United States Northwest of the Ohio; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Edmond reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to several resolutions thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House as followeth:

Resolved, That all the townships directed to be sold, either in quarter townships or in tracts of one mile square, by the act, "Providing for the sale of the lands of the United States, in the territory Northwest of the river Ohio, and above the mouth of Kentucky river," shall be subdivided into half sections, containing, as nearly as may be, three hundred and twenty acres each: The additional expense of surveying to be paid by the purchaser, at the rate of three dollars per tract.

Resolved, That all the said lands shall be offered for sale at public sale, in tracts of three hundred and twenty acres as above directed: *Provided*, That the same shall not be sold under the price of two dollars per acre, and that the sale shall be at the following places, to wit:

All the lands contained in the seven first ranges of townships, and North of the same, shall be offered for sale at Pittsburgh.

All the lands contained in the eight next ranges of townships, shall be offered for sale at Marietta.

All the lands lying West of the fifteen first ranges of townships, and East of the Sciota river, shall be offered for sale at Chillicothe.

All the lands lying below the Great Miami, shall be offered for sale at Cincinnati.

Resolved, That one or more land offices shall be opened in the Northwestern territory, and that every person be permitted to locate and purchase at the rate of two dollars per acre, one or more of the half sections that shall not have been sold at public sale.

Resolved, That the payments for lands purchased either at public or private sale, may be made as heretofore in public securities, and shall be made in the following manner, and under the following conditions, viz:

1st. At the time of purchase, every purchaser shall deposit one-twentieth part of the amount of purchase money; to be forfeited, if, within three months, one-fourth of the purchase money, including the said twentieth part, is not paid.

2d. One-fourth of the purchase money to be paid as aforesaid, within three months,

and the other three-fourths in three equal payments, within two, three, and four years, respectively, after the date of the purchase.

3d. No interest to be charged in case of punctual payment; but interest at the rate of six per cent. a year, to be charged from the date of purchase, on any part of the purchase money which shall not have been paid at the times, respectively, when the same shall have become due.

4th. A discount of the rate of eight per cent. a year, to be allowed on any of the three last payments, which shall be paid before the same shall have become due.

5th. If any tract shall not be completely paid for within one year after the date of the last payment, the tract to be sold in such manner as shall be provided by law; and after paying the balance due to the United States, including interest, the surplus, if any, to be returned to the original purchaser.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolutions; and that Mr. Harrison, Mr. Brace, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Davis, Mr. Lyman, and Mr. Gallatin, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Smith, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred, on the sixth instant, the petition of sundry inhabitants of Bristol, Warren, and Barrington, in the State of Rhode Island, made a report; which was read, and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That it is inexpedient, at this time, to grant the prayer of the said petition, and that the petitioners have leave to withdraw the same.

Mr. Dana, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to provide for the execution of the twenty-seventh article of the treaty of amity, commerce, and navigation, made with Great Britain; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report made the nineteenth instant, by the committee appointed to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations are necessary in the laws providing for the sale of the lands of the United States Northwest of the Ohio; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Edmond reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth:

Resolved, That all the salt springs and licks the property of the United States, in the Territory Northwest of the Ohio, ought to be leased for a term not less than ———, nor more than ——— years.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution; and that Mr. Harrison, Mr. Brace, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Davis, Mr. Lyman, and Mr. Gallatin, do prepare and bring in the same.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Claims, made the fourth of February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, on the petition of Moses White; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Edmond reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their disagreement to the resolution contained therein.

The said resolution being then read at the Clerk's table, in the words following, to wit:

Resolved, That, in the adjustment of the account of Moses White, late a Captain in the Army of the United States, the accounting officers of the Treasury be, and they are hereby, directed to credit and allow the account of the said Moses White, for his additional pay and emoluments as an aid-de-camp, during the time he acted in that capacity to Brigadier General Moses Hazen, upon the same principles which have heretofore prevailed in the settlement of accounts of officers acting as aids-de-camp to Brigadier Generals in the line of the Army:

The question was taken that the House do concur with the Committee of the Whole House in their disagreement to the same,

And resolved in the affirmative.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of James Yard." And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to continue in force an act concerning certain fisheries of the United States, and for the regulation and government of the fishermen employed therein, and for other purposes as therein mentioned; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Edmond reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made one amendment thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Harper, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to whom were referred the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act providing for the enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States," made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth disagree to the amendment proposed by the Senate for adding a proviso to the sixth section; and doth agree to all the other amendments of the Senate to the said bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1800.

An engrossed bill to continue in force an act concerning certain fisheries of the United States, and for the regulation and government of the fishermen employed therein, and for other purposes as therein mentioned, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to continue in force an act concerning certain fisheries of the United States, and for the regulation and government of the fishermen employed therein, and for other purposes as therein mentioned."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of Gilbert Dench was presented to the House and read, praying to be reimbursed the amount of sundry sums of money which he has been compelled to pay on account of the United States, for the transportation of military stores, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

Mr. Harrison, from the committee to whom were referred the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act in addition to the act, entitled 'An act regulating the grants of land appropriated for military services, and for the Society of the United Brethren for propagating the Gospel among the Heathen,'" made a report; which was read, and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth disagree to the amendments proposed by the Senate to the first section, and doth agree to all the other amendments of the Senate to the said bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the several petitions of Temple Elliot, of William Boyce, and of Simon Sommers, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate recede from their amendment disagreed to by this House to the bill, entitled "An act providing for the enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States." And then he withdrew.

On motion,

Resolved, That the committee appointed to prepare and report a bill to amend the "Act providing for the sale of the lands of the United States in the territory Northwest of the river Ohio, and above the mouth of Kentucky river," be instructed to prepare and report a bill appropriating a tract of land sufficient to satisfy the claims of the Nova Scotia and Canada refugees, and designating the mode in which their respective bounties in land shall be located.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate desire a conference on the subject of their amendments disagreed to by this House to the bill, entitled "An act in addition to the act, entitled 'An act regulating the grants of land appropriated for military services, and for the Society of the United Brethren for propagating the Gospel among the Heathen;'"

and have appointed Mr. Ross and Mr. Brown managers at the same, on their part. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said message : Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the proposed conference ; and that Mr. Harrison, Mr. Brace, and Mr. Gallatin, be appointed managers at the same, on the part of this House.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Clerk of this House, with the approbation of the Speaker, be authorized to employ such further assistance as may be necessary in his office, during the present session ; to be paid for out of the sums appropriated for the contingent expenses of the House.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the message of the President of the United States, of the seventh instant, relative to the requisition for, and delivery of, Jonathan Robbins ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Edmond reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said message under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said message.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1800.

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be directed to inquire whether any, and what, regulations ought to be made in respect to vessels, goods, wares, and merchandise, wrecked or cast away on the coast of the United States ; and, also, of such goods, wares, and merchandise, as may be saved from wrecks at sea, and brought into the ports of the United States ; and that they report by bill or otherwise.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, accompanying his report on the petition of Samuel Lewis, senior, referred to him by order of the House, on the eleventh instant ; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to take into consideration the expediency of accepting from the State of Connecticut, a cession of jurisdiction of the territory West of Pennsylvania, commonly called the Western Reserve of Connecticut ; and to report by bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Marshall, Mr. Sewall, Mr. Pinckney, Mr. Bayard, Mr. Waln, Mr. Livingston, and Mr. Brace, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

Ordered, That the petition of Gilbert Dench, presented yesterday, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A motion was made and seconded that the Committee of the Whole House to whom was referred the message of the President of the United States, of the seventh instant, transmitting the papers relative to the requisition for, and delivery of, Jonathan Robbins, with two motions made thereupon, be discharged from the further consideration of the same :

And, the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas14,
 { Nays76.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Theodorus Bailey,
John Condit,
William Craik,
Thomas T. Davis,
George Dent,
Joseph Dickson,
Jonathan Freeman,

Samuel Goode,
William Barry Grove,
Aaron Kitchell,
James Linn,
Nathaniel Macon,
Thomas Pinckney, and
Samuel Smith.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston,
George Baer,
Bailey Bartlett,

James A. Bayard,
John Bird,
Phanuel Bishop,

Jonathan Brace,
 John Brown,
 Robert Brown,
 Samuel J. Cabell,
 Christopher G. Champlin,
 Gabriel Christie,
 Matthew Clay,
 William Cooper,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 Franklin Davenport,
 John Dawson,
 William Edmond,
 Joseph Eggleston,
 Lucas Elmendorf,
 Thomas Evans,
 Abiel Foster,
 Dwight Foster,
 John Fowler,
 Albert Gallatin,
 Henry Glen,
 Chauncey Goodrich,
 Elizur Goodrich,
 William Gordon,
 Edwin Gray,
 Andrew Gregg,
 Roger Griswold,
 John A. Hanna,
 Robert Goodloe Harper,
 Archibald Henderson,
 William H. Hill,
 David Holmes,
 James Jones,
 Henry Lee,
 Silas Lee,
 Michael Leib,

Samuel Lyman,
 Matthew Lyon,
 Edward Livingston,
 John Marshall,
 Peter Mühlenberg,
 Anthony New,
 John Nicholas,
 Joseph H. Nicholson,
 Abraham Nott,
 Harrison G. Otis,
 Robert Page,
 Leven Powell,
 John Randolph,
 John Reed,
 John Rutledge, jun.
 Samuel Sewall,
 James Sheafe,
 William Shepard,
 John Smilie,
 Richard Dobbs Spaight,
 Richard Stanford,
 David Stone,
 Thomas Sumter,
 Benjamin Taliaferro,
 George Thatcher,
 John Chew Thomas,
 Richard Thomas,
 Abram Trigg,
 John Trigg,
 Joseph B. Varnum,
 Peleg Wadsworth,
 Robert Waln,
 Robert Williams,
 Lemuel Williams, and
 Henry Woods.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act further to suspend the commercial intercourse between the United States and France, and the dependencies thereof," with two amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said amendments : Whereupon,
Resolved, That this House doth agree to the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1800.

Another member, to wit : John Smith, from New York, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat in the House ; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

A petition of Samuel Trigg was presented to the House and read, praying to be placed on the pension list, in consideration of wounds and other injuries sustained by the petitioner, whilst a soldier in the Army of the United States, during the late war ; and that he may be allowed the bounty land granted to the soldiers of the said Army.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Wadsworth, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined two enrolled bills, to wit : one entitled "An act for the relief of James Yard;" and the other entitled "An act further to suspend the commercial intercourse between the United States and France, and the dependencies thereof;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A motion being made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That the Speaker of this House be requested to procure from the Clerk of the District Court of South Carolina, copies, under seal, of the proceedings of that court, together with the evidence adduced in the case of Thomas Nash, *alias* Jonathan Robbins, who was delivered to the Consul of Great Britain, on the requisition of his Britannic Majesty's Minister:

A motion was made and seconded that the consideration of the same be postponed until this day week,

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 32,
 { Nays 63.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Bailey Bartlett,
James A. Bayard,
John Bird,
John Brown,
Samuel J. Cabell,
Christopher G. Champlin,
William Cooper,
Franklin Davenport,
John Dennis,
Thomas Evans,
Chauncey Goodrich,
Elizur Goodrich,
William Gordon,
Roger Griswold,
Robert Goodloe Harper,
Archibald Henderson,

William H. Hill,
Samuel Lyman,
John Marshall,
Harrison G. Otis,
Robert Page,
Thomas Pinckney,
Leven Powell,
John Reed,
John Rutledge, jun.
Samuel Sewall,
James Sheafe,
William Shephard,
George Thatcher,
John Chew Thomas,
Peleg Wadsworth, and
Lemuel Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston,
George Baer,
Theodorus Bailey,
Phanuel Bishop,
Jonathan Brace,
Robert Brown,
Gabriel Christie,
Matthew Clay,
John Condit,
William Craik,
Samuel W. Dana,
Thomas T. Davis,
John Dawson,
George Dent,
Joseph Dickson,
William Edmond,
Joseph Eggleston,
Lucas Elmendorf,
Abiel Foster,
Dwight Foster,
John Fowler,
Jonathan Freeman,
Albert Gallatin,
Henry Glen,
Samuel Goode,
Edwin Gray,
Andrew Gregg,
William Barry Grove,
John A. Hanna,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Huger,
George Jackson,

James Jones,
Aaron Kitchell,
Henry Lee,
Silas Lee,
Michael Leib,
Matthew Lyon,
James Linn,
Edward Livingston,
Peter Muhlenberg,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
Joseph H. Nicholson,
Abraham Nott,
Josiah Parker,
John Randolph,
John Smilie,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
David Stone,
Thomas Sumter,
Benjamin Taliaferro,
Richard Thomas,
John Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Robert Waln,
Robert Williams, and
Henry Woods.

The question was then taken that the House do agree to the motion first proposed,

And passed in the negative, { Yeas, 44,
Nays, 57.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston,
Theodorus Bailey,
Phanuel Bishop,
Robert Brown,
Samuel J. Cabell,
Gabriel Christie,
Matthew Clay,
John Condit,
Thomas T. Davis,
John Dawson,
George Dent,
Joseph Eggleston,
Lucas Elmendorf,
John Fowler,
Albert Gallatin,
Samuel Goode,
Andrew Gregg,
John A. Hanna,
David Holmes,
George Jackson,
James Jones,
Aaron Kitchell,

Henry Lee,
Michael Leib,
Matthew Lyon,
Edward Livingston,
Peter Muhlenberg,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
Joseph H. Nicholson,
John Randolph,
John Smilie,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
David Stone,
Thomas Sumter,
Benjamin Taliaferro,
John Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Joseph B. Varnum, and
Robert Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

George Baer,
Bailey Bartlett,
James A. Bayard,
John Bird,
Jonathan Brace,
John Brown,
Christopher G. Champlin,
William Cooper,
William Craik,
Samuel W. Dana,
Franklin Davenport,
John Dennis,
Joseph Dickson,
William Edmond,
Thomas Evans,
Abiel Foster,
Dwight Foster,
Jonathan Freeman,
Henry Glen,
Chauncey Goodrich,
Elizur Goodrich,
William Gordon,
Edwin Gray,
Roger Griswold,
William Barry Grove,
Robert Goodloe Harper,

Archibald Henderson,
William H. Hill,
Benjamin Huger,
Silas Lee,
Samuel Lyman,
James Linn,
John Marshall,
Abraham Nott,
Harrison G. Otis,
Robert Page,
Josiah Parker,
Thomas Pinckney,
Leven Powell,
John Reed,
John Rutledge, jun.
Samuel Sewall,
James Sheafe,
William Shepard,
George Thatcher,
John Chew Thomas,
Richard Thomas,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Robert Waln,
Lemuel Williams, and
Henry Woods.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.
And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1800.

A petition of Emory Sudley, junior, and Elizabeth, his wife, executrix of William Wright, late of Queen Ann's county, in the State of Maryland, deceased, was presented to the House and read, praying the renewal of sundry loan office certificates, the

property of the deceased, which were feloniously stolen from a certain James Kent, with whom they were deposited, some time in the month of April, one thousand seven hundred and eighty.

Also, a petition of Hosea Coombes, praying to be placed on the pension list, in consideration of wounds and other injuries received by the petitioner, whilst a soldier in the Army of the United States, during the late war.

Also, a petition of Ann Elliot, widow of Robert Elliot, late a contractor to the Army of the United States, praying relief in consideration of the loss of her husband, who was killed by the Indians whilst employed in the service of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A memorial of the Board of Health, of the city and liberties of Philadelphia, signed by Edward Garrigues, their president, was presented to the House and read, stating their apprehensions of an introduction, through the channels of commerce, of the plague, which is said to have raged with great violence during the latter part of last year, in the Barbary States; and praying that Congress may adopt such measures as may appear to them most expedient in the premises.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

A petition of George Gilbert and Jacob Gilbert, of the city of Philadelphia, late contractors for supplying the Army of the United States with clothing, was presented to the House and read, praying relief in consideration of the losses sustained by the petitioners, in furnishing certain articles of clothing at the prices specified in their contract with the Secretary of the Treasury; the cost of the said clothing having been greatly increased to the petitioners in consequence of certain unforeseen circumstances which happened previous to the completion of their contract.

Also, a memorial of David Jones, stating the situation of the salt springs in the Territory of the United States Northwest of the Ohio, and praying that he may be permitted to work one of the said springs rising near Walnut Creek, on such terms as Congress shall think reasonable and just.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. Wadsworth, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act providing for the second census, or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Dana, from the Committee of Elections, made a further report, in part; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was read, and is as followeth:

"That they have examined the certificate of an election holden in the first District in the State of New York, for supplying the place of Jonathan Nicoll Havens, who had been returned as elected a Representative in the Sixth Congress, but deceased before the commencement of the present session; and, from such examination, it appears that John Smith, from the State of New York, is entitled to a seat as a Member of this House."

On motion,

Resolved, That the order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the message of the President of the United States, of the seventh instant, transmitting the papers relative to the requisition for, and delivery of, Jonathan Robbins, be postponed until Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Claims to whom was referred the petition of Campbell Smith; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Edmond reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth:

Resolved, That the proper accounting officers of the Treasury liquidate and settle the account of Campbell Smith, for his services as Judge Advocate to the legion of the United States, while he acted in that capacity under an appointment made by General Wayne, on the sixteenth of July, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four; and that he be allowed such pay and emoluments for said services, as are allowed by law to officers acting in that capacity.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution ; and that the Committee of Claims do prepare and bring in the same.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the relief of Thomas Arnold ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Edmond reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom was referred the petition of Isaac Zane ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Edmond reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth :

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill authorizing the President of the United States to convey, in fee simple, to Isaac Zane, two thousand five hundred and sixty acres of land, to be laid off in a square, two miles each way, at a place called Big Bottom, on Mad River, a branch of the Great Miami River, and where the said Zane now lives : *Provided*, That the said tract should not, in any part thereof, fall within the bounds of a tract which has been reserved to the use of the officers and soldiers of the Virginia Continental line.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution ; and that Mr. Harrison, Mr. Brace, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Davis, Mr. Grove, Mr. Lyman, and Mr. Galatin, do prepare and bring in the same.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom was referred the petition of John Mountjoy ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Edmond reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Ways and Means on the subject of a loan for the service of the year one thousand eight hundred ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Edmond reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth :

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorize the President of the United States to borrow, for the service of the present year, a sum not exceeding three millions five hundred thousand dollars, upon such terms and conditions as he shall judge most advantageous for the United States : *Provided*, That no contract or engagement shall be entered into which shall preclude the United States from reimbursing any sum or sums borrowed, at any time after the expiration of fifteen years from the date of such loan.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution ; and that the Committee of Ways and Means do prepare and bring in the same.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to establish a General Stamp Office ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Edmond reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

The said bill was then further amended at the Clerk's table, and, together with the amendments, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

Ordered, That the committee to whom was referred the message of the President of the United States, relative to the Mint, have leave to report thereon by bill or bills, or otherwise.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate insist upon their amendments, disagreed to by this House, to the first section of the bill, entitled "An act in addition to an act, entitled 'An act regulating the grants of land appropriated for military services, and for the Society of the United Brethren for propagating the Gospel among the Heathen.'" And then he withdrew.

Mr. Harrison, from the managers appointed, on the part of this House, to attend a

conference with the managers appointed on the part of the Senate, on the subject-matter of the amendments proposed by the Senate, and disagreed to by this House, to the bill, entitled "An act in addition to an act, entitled 'An act regulating the grants of land appropriated for military services, and for the Society of the United Brethren for propagating the Gospel among the Heathen,'" made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth recede from their disagreement to the amendments of the Senate to the first section of the said bill, and doth agree to the same, with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Shaw, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, yesterday, approve and sign two acts, which originated in this House: one entitled "An act for the relief of James Yard;" and another, entitled "An act further to suspend the commercial intercourse between the United States and France, and the dependencies thereof."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate agree to the amendment proposed by this House to the amendments of the Senate to the first section of the bill, entitled "An act in addition to the act, entitled 'An act regulating the grants of land appropriated for military services, and for the Society of the United Brethren for propagating the Gospel among the Heathen.'" And then he withdrew.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 1800.

A petition of Alexander Roxburgh, of Salisbury, in the State of Maryland, a Major in the Army of the United States, during the late war, was presented to the House and read, praying the renewal of a certain certificate of public debt, the property of the petitioner, which was lost or destroyed some time in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Ordered, That the committee appointed, on the twelfth of December last, to make an inquiry into the state of the Naval equipment ordered by former acts of Congress, and to consider whether any, and what, other Naval force may be necessary for the protection of the commerce of the United States, and the support of their flag, and whether any, and what, alterations ought to be made in the laws relative to the Navy of the United States, have leave to report by bill or bills, or otherwise.

Mr. Parker, from the last mentioned committee, presented, according to order, a bill for the government of the Marine Corps while on shore; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

Ordered, That the petition of Benjamin Wells, presented the twenty-second of November, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, together with a report of the Committee of Claims thereon, be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the matter thereof, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. Gray, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act in addition to an act, entitled 'An act regulating the grants of land appropriated for military services, and for the Society of the United Brethren for propagating the Gospel among the Heathen,'" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate agree to the amendments proposed by this House to the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act providing for salvage in cases of recapture:" And then he withdrew.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, MARCH 3, 1800.

An engrossed bill for the relief of Thomas Arnold was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the relief of Thomas Arnold."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill to establish a general stamp office was read the third time, and a blank therein filled up.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that title be, "An act to establish a general stamp office."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Wadsworth, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act providing for salvage in cases of recapture," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, presented according to order, a bill for the relief of Campbell Smith; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Harper, from the Committee of Ways and Means, presented according to order, a bill to enable the President of the United States to borrow money for the public service; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

Mr. Craik, from the committee appointed to inquire whether any, and what, alterations are necessary to be made in the judicial establishment of the territory Northwest of the Ohio; and also to inquire into the expediency of dividing the said territory into two distinct and separate Governments; made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

Mr. Parker, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for the better government of the Navy of the United States, and repealing the act on the same subject, passed the second day of March, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting two statements; one exhibiting the value or quantities of the goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into the United States, in ships or vessels of the United States, for one year, prior to the first of October, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight; and the other, exhibiting, in like manner, the importations in ships or vessels of foreign nations during the same period; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Wadsworth, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, on Saturday last, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act in addition to an act, entitled 'An act regulating the grants of land appropriated for military services, and for the Society of the United Brethren for propagating the Gospel among the Heathen;'" and, also, that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act providing for salvage in cases of recapture."

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Shaw, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on Friday last, approve and sign an act, which originated in this House, entitled "An act providing for the second census or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States;" and, also, that the President did, on Saturday last, approve and sign an act, which originated in this House, entitled "An act in addition to an act, entitled 'An act regulating the grants of land appropriated for military services, and for the Society of the United Brethren for propagating the Gospel among the Heathen.'"

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee

of the Whole House on the message of the President of the United States, of the seventh instant, transmitting the papers relative to the requisition for, and delivery of, Jonathan Robbins, together with two motions thereupon; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Edmond reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said message under consideration, and made a further progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said message.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Treasurer of the United States, transmitting his account of the expenditure of public moneys on account of the War and Navy Departments, to the thirty-first of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY MARCH 4, 1800.

A petition of John Small, an inhabitant of Post Vincents, in the Northwestern Territory, was presented to the House and read, stating that, before a garrison was established at that place, he incurred considerable expenses in accommodating deputations from the Indian tribes; and that, in consequence of his acceptance of the office of sheriff, he has been deprived of the benefit of a law of the United States, granting one hundred acres of land to such of the inhabitants of the said place as had done militia duty; and praying that Congress will grant him such compensation in land, to be located in the county of Knox, as will indemnify him for his said losses and expenses.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Harrison, Mr. Craik, and Mr. Henderson; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of John Collet, of the city of Philadelphia, merchant and mariner, was presented to the House and read, praying that a new register may be granted to a certain vessel purchased as a wreck, by the petitioner, in the port of Cowes, in England, and by him repaired; which vessel appears to have been originally built in the port of Philadelphia.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

A memorial of Beriah Norton, agent for and in behalf of the inhabitants of the Island of Martha's Vineyard, was presented to the House and read, stating that the said inhabitants have a legal claim against the Government of Great Britain; and praying the assistance of Congress to enable them to prosecute the said claim to a final settlement.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the eighth of January last, the petition of Stephen Sayre, presented the twenty-ninth of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Ordered, That the committee to whom was referred, on the ninth of December last, so much of the President's speech as relates to "a system of national defence, commensurate with our resources and the situation of our country," have leave to report by bill or bills, or otherwise.

Mr. Otis, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to fix the compensation of the Paymaster General, and assistants to the Adjutant General; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Shaw, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, yesterday, approve and sign an act, which originated in this House, entitled "An act providing for salvage in cases of recapture."

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be laid before this House, copies of any requisition or application that may have been made by any foreign Minister, Consul, or Agent, for or concerning the delivery of William Brigstock, *alias* John Johnston, of John Evans, *alias* Michael Campbell, or of Joannes Williams, *alias* Joannes Williamson, who were tried in the Circuit Court of the United States, New Jersey district, on a charge of piracy committed on board the British fri-

gate Hermione ; and, also, copies of any communications to and from any of the Executive Departments, and of any papers in the possession of either of the said departments, on the subject of the commitment, trial, discharge, or delivery, of either of them : Whereupon,

The question was taken that the House do now proceed to the consideration of the said motion,

And passed in the negative, { Yeas 46,
Nays 54.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present;

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston,
Theodorus Bailey,
Phanuel Bishop,
Robert Brown,
Samuel J. Cabell,
Gabriel Christie,
Matthew Clay,
John Condit,
Thomas T. Davis,
John Dawson,
Joseph Eggleston,
John Fowler,
Albert Gallatin,
Samuel Goode,
Edwin Gray,
Andrew Gregg,
John A. Hanna,
Joseph Heister,
Archibald Henderson,
David Holmes,
George Jackson,
James Jones,
Aaron Kitchell,

Michael Leib,
Matthew Lyon,
Edward Livingston,
Nathaniel Macon,
Peter Muhlenberg,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
Joseph H. Nicholson,
John Randolph,
John Smilie,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Dobbs Spaight,
Richard Stanford,
David Stone,
Thomas Sumter,
Benjamin Taliaferro,
John Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Joseph B. Varnum, and
Robert Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

George Baer,
Bailey Bartlett,
James A. Bayard,
John Bird,
Jonathan Bracc,
John Brown,
Christopher G. Champlin,
William Cooper,
William Craik,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
Franklin Davenport,
John Dennis,
George Dent,
Joseph Dickson,
William Edmond,
Thomas Evans,
Abiel Foster,
Dwight Foster,
Jonathan Freeman,
Henry Glen,
Chauncey Goodrich,
Elizur Goodrich,
William Gordon,
Roger Griswold,
William Barry Grove,
Robert Goodloe Harper,

Benjamin Huger,
James H. Inlay,
John Wilkes Kittera,
Henry Lee,
Silas Lee,
Samuel Lyman,
James Linn,
John Marshall,
Abraham Nott,
Harrison G. Otis,
Robert Page,
Josiah Parker,
Thomas Pinckney,
Jonas Platt,
Leven Powell,
John Reed,
John Rutledge, jr.
Samuel Sewall,
James Sheafe,
William Shepard,
George Thatcher,
John Chew Thomas,
Richard Thomas,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Robert Waln,
Lemuel Williams, and
Henry Woods.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.
And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

Albert Gallatin,
Samuel Goode,
Edwin Gray,
Andrew Gregg,
John A. Hanna,
Joseph Heister,
Archibald Henderson.
David Holmes,
George Jackson,
James Jones,
Aaron Kitchell,
Michael Leib.

Matthew Lyon,
Edward Livingston,
Nathaniel Macon,
Peter Muhlenberg,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
Joseph H. Nicholson,
John Randolph,
John Smilie,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,

Richard Dobbs Spaight,
Richard Stanford,
David Stone,
Thomas Sumter,
Benjamin Taliaferro,
John Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Joseph B. Varnum, and
Robert Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

George Baer,
Bailey Bartlett,
James A. Bayard,
Jonathan Brace,
John Brown,
Christopher G. Champlin,
William Cooper,
William Craik,
John Davenport,
Franklin Davenport,
John Dennis,
George Dent,
Joseph Dickson,
William Edmond,
Thomas Evans,
Abiel Foster,
Dwight Foster,
Jonathan Freeman,
Henry Glen,
Chauncey Goodrich,
Elizur Goodrich,
William Gordon,
William H. Hill,

Henry Lee,
Silas Lee,
James Linn,
John Marshall,
Abraham Nott,
Harrison G. Otis,
Robert Page,
Josiah Parker,
Thomas Pinckney,
Jonas Platt,
Leven Powell,
John Reed,
John Rutledge, junior,
Samuel Sewall,
James Sheafe,
William Shepard,
George Thatcher,
John Chew Thomas,
Richard Thomas,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Robert Waln,
Lemuel Williams, and
Henry Woods.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the message of the President of the United States, of the seventh ultimo, transmitting the papers relative to the requisition for, and delivery of, Jonathan Robbins; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Edmond reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said message under consideration, and made a further progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said message.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire whether any, and what, alterations ought to be made in the times of holding the District Court in North Carolina; and that they be authorized to report by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Spaight, Mr. Grove, and Mr. Robert Williams, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 1800.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the tenth of January last, the petition of Tobias Rudolph, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act declaring the assent of Congress to certain acts of the States of Maryland and Georgia," with an amendment; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the message of the President of the United States, of the seventh ul-

time, transmitting the papers relative to the requisition for, and delivery of, Jonathan Robbins, together with two motions on the subject-matter of the said message; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Edmond reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said message under consideration, and directed him to report, in part, their disagreement to the motion referred to them on the twentieth ultimo.

The question was then taken that this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said message,

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 59,
 { Nays 38.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present;
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston,
 George Baer,
 Bailey Bartlett,
 James A. Bayard,
 John Bird,
 Phanael Bishop,
 John Brown,
 Robert Brown,
 Christopher G. Champlin,
 Matthew Clay,
 John Condit,
 William Cooper,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Davenport,
 Franklin Davenport,
 Thomas T. Davis,
 John Dawson,
 Joseph Dickson,
 William Edmond,
 Abiel Foster,
 Dwight Foster,
 Jonathan Freeman,
 Albert Gallatin,
 Henry Glen,
 Chauncey Goodrich,
 Elizur Goodrich,
 Roger Griswold,
 Robert Goodloe Harper,
 Joseph Heister,
 David Holmes,

James H. Imlay,
George Jackson,
John Wilkes Kittera,
Henry Lee,
Silas Lee,
Michael Leib,
Samuel Lyman,
Edward Livingston,
Nathaniel Macon,
John Marshall,
Peter Muhlenberg,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
Joseph H. Nicholson,
Jonas Platt,
John Randolph,
Samuel Sewall,
John Smilie,
John Smith,
David Stone,
Thomas Sumter,
Benjamin Taliaferro,
George Thatcher,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Peleg Wadsworth, and
Robert Williams.

'Those who voted in the negative, are,

Theodorus Bailey,
Jonathan Brace,
Samuel J. Cabell,
Gabriel Christie,
William Craik,
John Dennis,
George Dent,
Joseph Eggleston,
Thomas Evans,
Samuel Goode,
William Gordon,
Edwin Gray,
Andrew Gregg,
William Barry Grove,
John A. Hanna,
Archibald Henderson,
William H. Hill,
James Jones,
Aaron Kitchell,

Matthew Lyon,
James Linn,
Abraham Nott,
Harrison G. Otis,
Robert Page,
Josiah Parker,
Thomas Pinckney,
Leven Powell,
John Reed,
John Rutledge, jun.
William Shepard,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Dobbs Spaight,
Richard Stanford,
Richard Thomas,
John Thompson,
Robert Wain,
Lemuel Williams, and
Henry Woods.

The House then proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of the Whole House upon the motion referred to them on the twentieth ultimo; and debate arising thereon,

An adjournment was called: Whereupon,

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 1800.

A petition of Bates, Douglass, and Ray, manufacturers of coach-lace, fringe, &c., of Caldwell, in the State of New Jersey, was presented to the House and read, praying that a higher duty may be imposed by law upon imported coach-lace, fringe, &c., or that such other encouragement may be granted as to the wisdom of Congress may seem meet.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

A memorial of Matthew Patterson, and others, residing on lands lying near the head of French Broad River, and West of the State of South Carolina, was presented to the House and read, stating that their settlements not being included within the jurisdiction of any State, they are deprived of the benefit of all civil government; and praying that their settlement may be annexed, for the present, to the State of South Carolina, or such other redress be granted to them as to Congress shall seem proper.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Harper, Mr. Griswold, Mr. Stone, Mr. Bird, and Mr. Nott; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of William Hill, and others, was presented to the House read, stating their claims to certain lands ceded by the State of North Carolina to the United States, with a reservation of the claims of the petitioners; the possession of which lands the United States have since guaranteed, by treaty, to the Chickasaw and Cherokee Indians; and praying relief in the premises.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Pinckney, Mr. C. Goodrich, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Nicholas, and Mr. Thatcher; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Spaight, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to alter the times of holding the District Court in North Carolina; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill entitled "An act declaring the assent of Congress to certain acts of the States of Maryland and Georgia;" and the same being read at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said bill and amendment be referred to the Committee of Revision and Unfinished Business.

The House proceeded to consider the report made, yesterday, from the Committee of the Whole House to whom was referred the message of the President of the United States, of the seventh instant, transmitting the papers relative to the requisition for, and delivery of, Jonathan Robbins, on the motion referred to them on the twentieth ultimo; and debate continuing thereon,

An adjournment was called for: Whereupon,

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 1800.

The House resumed the consideration of the report made, on Thursday, last by the Committee of the Whole House to whom was referred the message of the President of the United States of the seventh ultimo, containing their disagreement to the motion referred to them on the twentieth ultimo; and the said motion being read, in the words following, to wit:

"*Resolved*, That it appears to this House that a person calling himself Jonathan Robbins, and claiming to be a citizen of the United States, impressed on board a British ship of war, was committed for trial in one of the courts of the United States, for the alleged crime of piracy and murder committed on the high seas, on board the British frigate

gate Hermione. That a requisition being, subsequent to such commitment, made by the British Minister to the Executive of the United States, for the delivery of the said person (under the name of Thomas Nash) as a fugitive under the twenty-seventh article of the treaty with Great Britain, the President of the United States did, by a letter written from the Department of State, to the Judge who committed the said person for trial, officially declare his opinion to the said Judge that he 'considered an offence committed on board a public ship of war on the high seas, to have been committed within the jurisdiction of the nation to whom the ship belongs;' and, in consequence of such opinion and construction, did advise and request the said Judge to deliver up the person so claimed, to the agent of Great Britain who should appear to receive him: Provided only, that the stipulated evidence of his criminality should be produced. That, in compliance with such advice and request of the President of the United States, the said person, so committed for trial, was, by the Judge of the District Court of South Carolina, without any presentment or trial by jury, or any investigation of his claim to be a citizen of the United States, delivered up to an officer of his Britannic Majesty, and afterwards tried by a court martial and executed, on a charge of mutiny and murder.

"*Resolved*, That, inasmuch as the Constitution of the United States declares that the Judiciary power shall extend to all questions arising under the Constitution, laws, and treaties of the United States, and to all cases of admiralty and maritime jurisdiction; and, also, that the trial of all crimes, except in cases of impeachment, shall be by jury, and such trial shall be held in the State where such crime shall have been committed, but when not committed within any State, then at such place or places as Congress may by law have directed: And, inasmuch as it is directed by law 'that the offence of murder, committed on the high seas, shall be deemed piracy and murder, and that the trial of all crimes committed on the high seas, or in any place out of the jurisdiction of any particular State, shall be in the district where the offender is apprehended, or into which he may be first brought:' Therefore, the several questions, whether the alleged crime of piracy and murder was committed within the exclusive jurisdiction of Great Britain; whether it comes within the purview of the said twenty-seventh article; and whether a person, stating that he was an American citizen, and had committed the act of which he was accused in attempting to regain his liberty from illegal imprisonment, ought to be delivered up without any investigation of his claim to citizenship, or inquiry into the facts alleged in his defence, are all matters exclusively of judicial inquiry, as arising from treaties, laws, constitutional provisions, and cases of admiralty and maritime jurisdiction.

"That the decision of those questions by the President of the United States, against the jurisdiction of the Courts of the United States, in a case where those courts had already assumed and exercised jurisdiction, and his advice and request to the Judge of the District Court that the person thus charged should be delivered up, provided only such evidence of his criminality should be produced as would justify his apprehension and commitment for trial, are a dangerous interference of the Executive with judicial decisions; and that the compliance with such advice and request, on the part of the Judge of the District Court of South Carolina, is a sacrifice of the constitutional independence of the judicial power and exposes the administration thereof to suspicion and reproach."

The question was taken that the House do agree with the Committee of the Whole House in their disagreement to the same,

And resolved in the affirmative { Yeas 61,
 { Nays 35.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston,
George Baer,
Bailey Bartlett,
James A. Bayard,
John Bird,
John Brown,
William Cooper,
William Craik,
John Davenport,
Franklin Davenport,
Thomas T. Davis,
John Dennis,

George Dent,
Joseph Dickson,
William Edmond,
Thomas Evans,
Abiel Foster,
Dwight Foster,
Jonathan Freeman,
Henry Glen,
Samuel Goode,
Chauncey Goodrich,
Elizur Goodrich,
William Gordon,

Edwin Gray,
 Roger Griswold,
 William Barry Grove,
 Robert Goodloe Harper,
 Archibald Henderson,
 William H. Hill,
 James H. Imlay,
 James Jones,
 John Wilkes Kittera,
 Henry Lee,
 Silas Lee,
 Samuel Lyman,
 James Linn,
 John Marshall,
 Abraham Nott,
 Harrison G. Otis,
 Robert Page,
 Josiah Parker,
 Thomas Pinckney,

Jonas Platt,
 Leven Powell,
 John Reed,
 John Rutledge, jun.
 Samuel Sewall,
 James Sheafe,
 William Shepard,
 Richard Dobbs Spaight,
 David Stone,
 Benjamin Taliaferro,
 George Thatcher,
 John Chew Thomas,
 Richard Thomas,
 Joseph B. Varnum,
 Peleg Wadsworth,
 Robert Waln,
 Lemuel Williams, and
 Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Theodorus Bailey,
 Phanael Bishop,
 Robert Brown,
 Samuel J. Cabell,
 Gabriel Christie,
 Matthew Clay,
 John Condit,
 Joseph Egleston,
 Lucas Elmendorf,
 John Fowler,
 Albert Gallatin,
 Andrew Gregg,
 John A. Hanna,
 Joseph Heister,
 David Holmes,
 George Jackson,
 Aaron Kitchell,
 Michael Leib,

Matthew Lyon,
 Edward Livingston,
 Nathaniel Macon,
 Peter Muhlenberg,
 Anthony New,
 John Nicholas,
 Joseph H. Nicholson,
 John Randolph,
 John Smiley,
 John Smith,
 Samuel Smith,
 Thomas Sumter,
 John Thompson,
 Abram Trigg,
 John Trigg,
 Philip Van Cortlandt, and
 Robert Williams.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.
 And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, MARCH 10, 1800.

A petition of John Armstrong was presented to the House and read, stating that he has been entrusted with sundry papers relative to claims for bounty lands, belonging to persons residing in the Western Country, which, owing to informality, have been rejected by the proper officers to whom they were presented; and praying relief in the premises.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with his opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of David Gregory, and others, inhabitants of the county of Hamilton, in the Northwestern Territory, was presented to the House and read, praying that Abraham Freeman, one of the said inhabitants, may be permitted to purchase from the United States a certain tract of land, on which there is a mill-seat, in section No. 26 of the lands of the United States, for the purpose of erecting thereon a grist-mill, for the convenience of the petitioners.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed, on the twenty-fourth of December last, to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations are necessary in the laws providing for the sale of the lands of the United States Northwest of the river Ohio.

A petition of John Anders and Bridget his wife, administrators of James White, deceased, was presented to the House and read, praying to be reimbursed the amount of a sum of Continental money, the property of the orphan children of the deceased.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the ninth of January last, the memorial of David Jones and William Rogers, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of Temple Elliot and others.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a letter from the Comptroller, accompanied with an abstract of the compensations of the officers of the Customs, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A motion was made and seconded that the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed the message of the President of the United States, of the seventh ultimo, transmitting the papers relative to the requisition for, and delivery of, Jonathan Robbins, and to whom was also referred a motion of the seventeenth ultimo, relative to the subject-matter of the said message, be discharged from the further consideration thereof:

And, the question being taken thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 62,
 { Nays 35.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

George Baer,
Bailey Bartlett,
James A. Bayard,
John Bird,
Jonathan Brace,
John Brown,
Christopher G. Champlin,
William C. C. Claiborne,
William Craik,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
Franklin Davenport,
John Dennis,
George Dent,
Joseph Dickson,
William Edmond,
Thomas Evans,
Abiel Foster,
Dwight Foster,
Jonathan Freeman,
Henry Glen,
Samuel Goode,
Chauncey Goodrich,
Elizur Goodrich,
William Gordon,
Edwin Gray,
Andrew Gregg,
Roger Griswold,
William Barry Grove,
John A. Hanna,
Robert Goodloe Harper,

Archibald Henderson,
William H. Hill,
Benjamin Huger,
James H. Imlay,
Aaron Kitchell,
John Wilkes Kittera,
Henry Lee,
Silas Lee,
Samuel Lyman,
James Linn,
Abraham Nott,
Harrison G. Otis,
Josiah Parker,
Thomas Pinckney,
Jonas Platt,
Leven Powell,
John Reed,
John Rutledge, jun.
Samuel Sewall,
James Sheafe,
William Shepard,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Dobbs Spaight,
George Thatcher,
John Chew Thomas,
John Thompson,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Robert Waln,
Lemuel Williams, and
Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston,
Phanuel Bishop,
Robert Brown,
Samuel J. Cabell,
Gabriel Christie,
Matthew Clay,
John Condit,
Thomas T. Davis,
John Dawson,
Joseph Eggleston,

Lucas Elmendorf,
John Fowler,
Albert Gallatin,
Joseph Heister,
George Jackson,
James Jones,
Michael Leib,
Matthew Lyon,
Edward Livingston,
Nathaniel Macon,

Peter Muhlenberg,
 Anthony New,
 John Nicholas,
 Joseph H. Nicholson,
 John Randolph,
 John Smilie,
 John Smith,
 Richard Stanford,

David Stone,
 Thomas Sumter,
 Benjamin Taliaferro,
 Abraham Trigg,
 John Trigg,
 Philip Van Cortlandt, and
 Robert Williams.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the relief of Campbell Smith; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Edmond reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Ordered, That James Powell, who presented a petition to this House on the twenty-seventh of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, have leave to withdraw the same.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom was referred, on the thirteenth of January last, a petition of Cato West and others, inhabitants of the Mississippi Territory, complaining of the political system by which the said Territory is governed; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Edmond reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from the further consideration of the said report, and that the same be re-committed to Mr. Claiborne, Mr. Griswold, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Nott, and Mr. Bartlett.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolutions, to wit:

Resolved, That, from and after the organization of the territorial Assembly of the Mississippi Territory, the Governor shall nominate, and, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council, shall appoint, all officers, both civil and military, of the Territory, whose appointments are not particularly vested in Congress by the ordinance; provided, that the Governor shall have power to fill up all vacancies which may happen during the recess of the Legislative Council, by granting commissions, which shall expire at the end of their next session.

Resolved, That every bill which shall have passed the House of Representatives and the Legislative Council, shall, before it become a law, be presented to the Governor of the Territory: if he approve, he shall sign it; but, if not, he shall return it, with his objections, to that House in which it shall have originated, who shall enter the objections, at large, on their journals, and proceed to re-consider it. If, after such re-consideration, two-thirds of that House shall agree to pass the bill, it shall be sent, together with the objections, to the other House, by which it shall likewise be reconsidered; and, if approved by two-thirds of that House, it shall become a law. If any bill shall not be returned by the Governor within six days (Sundays excepted) after it shall have been presented to him, the same shall be a law, in like manner as if he had signed it, unless the General Assembly, by their adjournment, prevent its return; in which case, it shall not be a law.

Resolved, That every order, resolution, or vote, to which the concurrence of the Legislative Council and House of Representatives may be necessary, except on a question of adjournment, shall be presented to the Governor of the Territory, and, before the same shall take effect, shall be approved by him; or, being disapproved by him, shall be re-passed by two-thirds of the Senate and House of Representatives, according to the rules and limitations prescribed in the case of a bill.

Resolved, That the General Assembly shall meet at least once in every year, and such meeting shall be on the — day of —, unless they shall, by law, appoint a different day: *Provided*, that the Governor shall have power, on extraordinary occasions, to convene both Houses of the General Assembly, or either of them.

Resolved, That neither House, during the Session of the General Assembly, shall, without the consent of the other, adjourn for more than three days, nor to any other place, that in which the two Houses shall be sitting.

Ordered, That the said motion be referred to the committee last mentioned.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to alter and establish sundry post roads; and, after some

time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Edmond reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 1800.

A petition of Dr. Henry Mead, of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, stating that he has lately discovered a method of refining camphor, in quantities sufficient for the whole demand of the United States, and praying that the importation of refined camphor may be prohibited, by increasing the duty thereupon; and that the exclusive privilege of manufacturing and vending the said article, may be granted to the petitioner.

Also, a petition of Frederick Hæckley and others, manufacturers of lace and fringe, in the city of Philadelphia, praying that a higher duty may be imposed on the importation of those articles from abroad.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

A petition of Henry and Sarah Watters, administrators of Joseph Watters, deceased, was presented to the House and read, praying that they may be paid the amount of the principal and interest of sundry loan office certificates, the property of the orphan children of the deceased, according to the scale of depreciation established by law.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A petition of Jacob Humphrey, a Captain in the Army of the United States, during the late war, was presented to the House and read, praying the renewal of certain land warrants granted for military services, the property of the petitioner, which have been lost or destroyed.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed, on the twelfth ultimo, to inquire into the expediency of passing a law to prevent the entering a caveat, in any case, to hinder the issuing a patent for land granted for military services.

A petition of John Carroll and others, in behalf of the Library company and inhabitants of the city of Baltimore, was presented to the House and read, praying that a law may be passed exempting from duties, all books, maps, and charts, imported from foreign countries, for the use of incorporated literary societies.

Ordered, That the said petition, together with the petition of the trustees of the New York Society Library, presented the twenty-first of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to alter and to establish sundry post roads; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Edmond reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill and amendments be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

An engrossed bill for the relief of Campbell Smith was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the relief of Campbell Smith."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred the several petitions of Thomas Frothingham, of Massachusetts; of sundry citizens and inhabitants of the counties of Washington and Allegany; of Andrew Finley and others, citizens of Westmoreland county; and the memorial of sundry inhabitants of the four Western counties of Pennsylvania; made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

On motion,

Ordered, That the petition of James Bell, presented the thirteenth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Harper, from the committee to whom was referred so much of the President's speech as relates to "a revision and amendment of the Judiciary system," made

report, in part ; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Harper, from the same committee, presented, according to order, a bill providing for the better establishment and regulation of the courts of the United States ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have disagreed to the resolution of this House authorizing an adjournment of the two Houses of Congress. And then he withdrew.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 1800.

An engrossed bill to alter and to establish sundry post roads was read the third time, and a blank therein filled up.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to alter and to establish sundry post roads."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the government of the Marine Corps, while on shore ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Edmond reported that the committee had, according order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto.

The House proceeded to consider the said amendments at the Clerk's table ; and the following amendment being under consideration, to wit : to strike out, from the tenth article, the words " and being thereof convicted in any court of law in the county where the fact was committed, by the oath of two creditable witnesses :"

The question was taken that the House do agree with the Committee of the Whole in their said amendment,

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 47,
Nays 44.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Bailey Bartlett,
Jonathan Brace,
John Brown,
Christopher G. Champlin
William Craik,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
Franklin Davenport,
John Dennis,
Joseph Dickson,
William Edmond,
Thomas Evans
Abiel Foster,
Dwight Foster,
Jonathan Freeman,
Henry Glen,
Chauncey Goodrich,
Elizur Goodrich,
William Gordon,
Edwin Gray,
Roger Griswold,
William Barry Grove,
Archibald Henderson,
Benjamin Huger,

James H. Inlay,
John Wilkes Kittera,
Silas Lee,
Samuel Lyman,
John Marshall,
Harrison G. Otis,
Thomas Pinckney,
Jonas Platt,
Leven Powell,
John Reed,
John Rutledge, jun.
Samuel Sewall,
James Sheafe,
William Shepard,
Richard Dobbs Spaight,
Benjamin Taliaferro,
George Thatcher,
John Chew Thomas,
Richard Thomas,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Robert Waln, and
Lemuel Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston,
Theodorus Bailey,
Robert Brown,
Samuel J. Cabell,
Gabriel Christie,
Matthew Clay,
William C. C. Claiborne,
John Condit,
Thomas T. Davis,
John Dawson,
George Dent,
Joepsh Eggleston,
Lucas Elmendorf
John Fowler,
Albert Gallatin,
Samuel Goode,
Andrew Gregg,
John A. Hanna,
Joseph Heister,
William H. Hill,
George Jackson,
James Jones,

Aaron Kitchell,
Henry Lee,
Michael Leib,
Matthew Lyon,
James Linn,
Nathaniel Macon,
Peter Muhlenberg,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
Joseph H. Nicholson,
Abraham Nott,
Josiah Parker,
John Randolph,
John Smilie,
John Smith,
Richard Stanford,
David Stone,
Thomas Sumter,
John Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg, and
Robert Williams.

The other amendments reported from the Committee of the Whole House, were, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed until to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 1800.

Ordered, That Mr. Page have leave to be absent from the service of this House, for three weeks.

Ordered, That the memorials of sundry merchants and traders of the city of Philadelphia, one presented the ninth of February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six; and the other the nineteenth of February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, together with the report of the Secretary of the Treasury on the last mentioned memorial, made the thirteenth of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

A petition of William Tazewell, late Secretary to Mr. Gerry, one of the Envoys Extraordinary to the French Republic, was presented to the House and read, praying a reimbursement of the losses and expenses incurred by the petitioner, in consequence of his remaining in Paris, after the departure of Mr. Gerry, in obedience to his orders and instructions.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Marshall, Mr. Gordon, and Mr. Pinckney; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of Joseph Abrahams was presented to the House and read, praying that he may receive a balance due him from the United States, for carrying the mail from Newcastle to Williamsburg, in the State of Virginia, from the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty, to the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Postmaster General.

A petition of Obadiah Scott was presented to the House and read, praying to be exonerated from the payment of a certain sum of money due to the United States, for a license obtained by the petitioner, to distill spirits from materials of the growth or produce of the United States; the petitioner not having been able to procure materials to use in his distillery, in consequence of certain unforeseen circumstances.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury; that he do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with his opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of Robert Yates, brother and heir at law, of Bartholomew Yates, who was killed whilst a Lieutenant in the service of the United States, during the late war, was presented to the House and read, praying that he may receive the emoluments allowed by law to the representatives of those who were killed, or might die in the service of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition, together with the petition of John Little, presented the fifth of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, be referred to a Committee of Claims.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for removing any military force from the places of holding elections ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Edmond reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to alter the time of holding the District Court of North Carolina ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Edmond reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill, under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the fourth instant, the memorial of Beriah Norton, made a report ; which was read and considered : Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the memorial of the said Beriah Norton cannot be granted.

Mr. Claiborne, from the committee to whom was recommitted, on the tenth instant, the report of the committee, made the thirteenth ultimo, on a petition of Cato West, and others, inhabitants of the Mississippi territory, made a report ; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Griswold, from the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business, to whom was recommitted, on the seventh ultimo, the bill providing the means of intercourse between the United States and foreign nations, reported an amendatory bill, providing the means of intercourse between the United States, and foreign nations ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Griswold, from the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business, to whom was referred, on the seventh instant, the amendment of the Senate to the bill declaring the assent of Congress to certain acts of the States of Maryland and Georgia, made a report ; which was read and considered : Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the amendment of the Senate to the said bill, with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to allow a drawback of duties on goods exported to New Orleans, and therein to amend the act, entitled 'An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage,' with amendments ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate have agreed to the amendment of this House to the amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act declaring the assent of Congress to certain acts of the States of Maryland and Georgia." And then he withdrew.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill depending yesterday, for the government of the Marine Corps while on shore ; Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said bill be re-committed to Mr. Parker, Mr. Otis, Mr. Rutledge, Mr. Craik, and Mr. Champlin.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee appointed, on the tenth of December last, to inquire whether any, and what, alterations are necessary to be made in the judicial establishment of the Territory Northwest of the Ohio ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Edmond reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was read, as follows :

Resolved, That the Territory Northwest of the river Ohio, be divided into two distinct and separate governments by a line beginning at the mouth of the Great Miami river, and running thence a North course until it intersects the boundary line between the United States and Canada.

The House then proceeded to consider the said resolution at the Clerk's table, and debate arising thereon,

An adjournment was called for : Whereupon,

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 1800.

An engrossed bill for removing any military force of the United States from the places of holding elections was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to prevent the interference of any military force in certain elections."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill to alter the times of holding the District Court of North Carolina was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to alter the times of holding the District Court in North Carolina."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of Jacob Tager, of Berks county, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for services performed by the petitioner, in the Army of the United States, during the late war ; and that he may be placed on the pension list, in consideration of injuries sustained whilst a soldier in the said Army, which have rendered him incapable of obtaining his livelihood by labor.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter and report of the Secretary of War on the several petitions of William Milton and others, presented the thirtieth of November, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven ; of John B. Girardeau, and of John F. Randolph, presented the twenty-third of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight ; and of Jonas Fauche, presented the eleventh of February last ; which letter and report were read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

A petition of John Brown, Pastor of the Old Waxhaw Church, Lancaster District, in the State of North Carolina, was presented to the House and read, praying the reimbursement of duties paid by the petitioner on the importation of books destined for religious and charitable purposes, and that future importations of a similar kind may be made free of duty.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

A petition of George Tevebaugh, and others, inhabitants of the county of Knox, in the Northwestern Territory, was presented to the House and read, praying a division of the said territory, and that the Indian claim to certain lands lying between the Wabash and Ohio rivers may be extinguished.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the twelfth of December last, the memorial of James Somervelle and Henry T. Compton, guardians of the orphan children of the late Major Alexander Trueman, made a report ; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Wadsworth, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act declaring the assent of Congress to certain acts of the States of Maryland and Georgia," and had found the same to be truly enrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Harrison, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to amend the act, entitled "An act providing for the sale of the lands of the United States in the territory Northwest of the Ohio, and above the mouth of Kentucky river ;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Griswold, from the committee to whom was referred, on the twenty-first ultimo, the petition of sundry inhabitants of Mount Pleasant, in the State of New York, made a report ; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire and report by bill or otherwise, whether any, and what, further provisions are necessary to be made by law, for compelling Receivers of Public Moneys to account for and pay over the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Harper, Mr. Gallatin, and Mr. Griswold, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled " An act to allow a drawback of duties on goods exported to New Orleans, and therein to amend the act, entitled ' An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage : ' " Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth disagree to the said amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the report made, yesterday, from the Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee appointed, on the tenth of December last, to inquire whether any, and what, alterations are necessary to be made in the judicial establishment in the territory Northwest of the Ohio, be postponed until Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom was yesterday re-committed their report on the petition of Cato West and others, inhabitants of the Mississippi Territory ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Edmond reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to several resolutions thereupon ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House as followeth :

Resolve : That so much of the ordinance for the government of the territory of the United States Northwest of the river Ohio, as relates to the organization of a General Assembly therein, and prescribes the powers thereof, shall forthwith operate, and be in force in the Mississippi Territory : *Provide* : That, until the number of free male inhabitants, of full age, in the said Territory, shall amount to five thousand, there shall not be returned to the General Assembly more than nine Representatives.

Resolved, That, until the number of free male inhabitants, of full age, in the Mississippi Territory, shall amount to five thousand, the county of Adams shall be entitled to choose four Representatives to the General Assembly ; the county of Pickering, four ; and the inhabitants of the Tensaw and Tombigby settlements, one.

Resolved, That the first election for Representatives to the General Assembly, shall be on the — day of —, and that all subsequent elections shall be regulated by the Legislature.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Governor of the Mississippi Territory, to cause the said election to be holden on the day aforesaid, at the most convenient place in the counties and settlements aforesaid, and to nominate a proper officer or officers to preside at and conduct the same, and to return to him the names of the persons who may have been duly elected.

Resolved, That the Representatives shall be convened by the Governor, at the town of Natchez, on the — day of —.

Resolved, That, so soon as the number of free male inhabitants, of full age, shall amount to, or exceed five thousand, the number of Representatives to the General Assembly shall be determined, and the apportionment made in the way prescribed in the ordinance.

Resolved, That nothing in these resolutions contained shall extend, or be construed to extend to, or affect the right of Georgia to the territory in question, or any part thereof.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolutions ; and that Mr. Claiborne, Mr. Griswold, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Nott, and Mr. Bartlett, do prepare and bring in the same.

On motion,

Resolve : That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to remit any forfeitures which shall occur, or may have occurred under the law of the United States prohibiting the exportation of arms

and ammunition, on the same principles on which the Secretary is authorized to remit forfeitures incurred under the revenue laws; and that the said committee be authorized to report by bill or bills, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Samuel Smith, Mr. Evans, and Mr. Brace, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to fix the compensation of the Paymaster General and assistant to the Adjutant General; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Edmond reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire and report, by bill or otherwise, the expediency of making further provision by law, to facilitate the communication between different parts of the United States by means of post roads.

Ordered, That Mr. Henry Lee, Mr. Chauncey Goodrich, Mr. Sheafe, Mr. Platt, Mr. Evans, Mr. Otis, and Mr. Harper, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolutions, to wit:

Resolved, That, for the more convenient, certain, and expeditious conveyance of the mails of the United States, on the main post road leading from Portland, in Maine, to Augusta, in Georgia, it is expedient to make provision for promoting and aiding the establishment of turnpikes on the said road, and for rendering the course thereof more direct between the different places through which it is, or shall be, directed by law to pass; and that the surplus revenues of the post office ought to be set apart as a fund for those purposes.

Resolved, That the said fund ought to be vested in a board, under the direction of the President of the United States, and to be composed of the Secretaries of the Executive Departments of the U. States, and the Attorney General; and that when any company shall undertake to make a good turnpike road on any part of the said post road, and shall apply to the said board, stating their object, plan, and means, and shall offer good and sufficient security for the accomplishment of the undertaking, within a reasonable time, to be fixed by the said board, and for refunding any money to be advanced to them by the said board in case the said undertaking should not be so accomplished, the said board ought to be authorized and empowered, with the approbation of the President of the United States, to grant an act of incorporation to the said company, for the purposes aforesaid, and under certain conditions, terms, and restrictions, to be established by law, and to subscribe from the said fund, and on behalf of the United States, for any number of the shares of the said company, not exceeding one-third of the whole number: *Provided*, That the payments to be made on account of the said subscription, shall be made in such proportions and at such times as the said board shall stipulate, and may be withheld by the said board at its discretion; whenever the said company shall fail to make its stipulated payments.

Resolved, That, whenever two or more companies shall apply, as aforesaid, the preference ought to be given to that which shall apply for the part of the said post road nearest to the City of Washington, in either direction: *Provided*, the plan of such company shall appear to the President of the United States to be, in other respects, equally worthy of adoption with those of its competitors.

Resolved, That, if there should not be, in any one year, sufficient applications as aforesaid, to employ the whole of the said fund, the surplus thereof ought to be applied, in manner aforesaid, to any other post road of the United States, respecting which applications in manner aforesaid shall be made, or, at the discretion of the President of the United States, to be carried to the fund for the next year.

Resolved, That the tolls and dividends to be derived from the shares which shall be subscribed for as aforesaid, ought to be received at the Treasury of the United States, and there accounted for, and added annually to the aforesaid fund, to be applied, in manner aforesaid, to the purposes thereof.

Resolved, That, when the said main post road shall be completed, the fund aforesaid ought to be applied, in manner aforesaid, to the construction of turnpike roads, on any other post roads of the United States, and of toll bridges on such main or other post road.

Ordered, That the said motion be referred to the committee last appointed.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to extend the privilege of obtaining patents for useful discov-

veries and inventions to certain persons therein mentioned ; and to enlarge and define the penalties for violating the rights of patentees ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Edmond reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report made the twenty-first ultimo, by the committee to whom was referred the petition of John Mountjoy ; and, after some spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Edmond reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made a further progress therein.

Ordered, That the said report be re-committed to Mr. Davis, Mr. Hill, Mr. Lyman, Mr. Griswold, and Mr. Kittera ; with instruction to inquire into the expediency of passing a law authorizing the Secretary of War to issue to the officers and soldiers of the late Army, warrants for their bounty lands, when the warrants to such officers and soldiers have been obtained from the War Office by fraud, or lost, or destroyed.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, MARCH 17, 1800.

An engrossed bill to fix the compensation of the Paymaster General, and Assistant to the Adjutant General, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to fix the compensation of the Paymaster General, and Assistants to the Adjutant General."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of Mary Wooster, relict of the late Major General Wooster, was presented to the House and read, stating that her said husband, on entering into the service of his country, during the late war with Great Britain, (in which he fell, in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven,) relinquished his half-pay as a British officer ; and praying that an indemnification may be granted her for the loss of the same, or that she may receive the same justice which has been done to others in similar circumstances.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Claiborne, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill supplemental to the act, entitled "An act for an amicable settlement of limits with the State of Georgia, and authorizing the establishment of a government in the Mississippi Territory ;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the twenty-eighth ultimo, the petition of Hozea Coombes, made a report ; which was read and considered : Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said Hozea Coombes have leave to withdraw his said petition.

Mr. Cooper, from the committee appointed, on the fifth instant, to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the President of the United States to appoint an agent to purchase of the Indians, a tract of land on the South side of Lake Superior, which shall include the great copper bed, made a report ; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Wadsworth, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act declaring the assent of Congress to certain acts of the States of Maryland and Georgia."

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations ought to be made in the act passed at the present session of Congress, entitled "An act providing for the second census or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States ;" and that they report by bill or otherwise.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire and report whether any, and, if any, what, alterations are expedient in the law "for regulating trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes, and for preserving peace on the frontiers ;" and that they have leave to report by bill or bills, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Jones, Mr. Imlay, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Claiborne, and Mr. Sewall, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate insist on their amendments disagreed to by this House to the bill, entitled "An act to allow a drawback of duties on goods exported to New Orleans, and therein to amend the act, entitled 'An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage ;' and ask a conference thereon. The Senate have disagreed to the bill, entitled "An act extending the time of payment of bonds given for duties of impost, in certain cases." The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to alter the times of holding the District Court in North Carolina." And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to enable the President of the United States to borrow money for the public service ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Parker reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed until to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 1800.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill to enable the President of the United States to borrow money for the public service : Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the tenth ultimo, the petition of Amy Dardin, made a report ; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Otis, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for the regulation of public arsenals and magazines ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Shaw, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, yesterday, approve and sign an act, which originated in this House, entitled "An act declaring the assent of Congress to certain acts of the States of Maryland and Georgia."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to extend the privilege of obtaining patents for useful discoveries and inventions to certain persons therein mentioned, and to enlarge and define the penalties for violating the rights of patentees ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Parker reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made two amendments thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, amended, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Navy do lay before this House such information as he may be possessed of, respecting the engagement which lately took place in the West Indies, between the Constellation frigate and a French ship of war ; and, also, upon the conduct of any officer or other person on board of said frigate, who may have particularly signalized himself in the said action.

Ordered, That Robert and Walter Colquhoun, who presented a petition to this House, on the seventeenth of December last, have leave to withdraw the same.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom were referred the several petitions of John Carroll and others ; of the Library Company of New York ; of John Brown, Pastor of the Old Waxhaw Church, in South Carolina ; of sundry musical instrument makers, of the cities of Philadelphia and New York ; of Frederick Hœckley and others ; and of Bates, Douglass, and Ray ; made a report : which was read and considered : Whereupon,

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the said petitions, and that the petitioners, respectively, have leave to withdraw the same.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the same committee, who were directed, on the twentieth ultimo, to inquire whether any, and what, farther credit may be given for duties on the articles of produce imported from the West Indies into the ports of the United States, made a report ; which was read and considered : Whereupon,

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to extend the term of credit given by law on articles imported from the West Indies into the United States.

Mr. Wadsworth, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to alter the times of holding the District Court in North Carolina," and had found the same to be truly enrolled. Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill supplemental to the act, entitled "An act for an amicable settlement of limits within the State of Georgia, and authorizing the establishment of a government in the Mississippi Territory ;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Parker reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made two amendments thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were read.

The House then proceeded to consider the said amendments at the Clerk's table, and the first amendment, to add at the end of the bill a new section, in the words following, to wit :

"*And be it further enacted*, That the General Assembly shall meet at least once in every year, and such meeting shall be on the first Monday of December, unless they shall, by law, appoint a different day : *Provided*, That the Governor shall have power, on extraordinary occasions, to convene the General Assembly,"—being again read,

The question was taken that the House do agree to the same,

And resolved in the affirmative, $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Yeas} \dots\dots\dots 54, \\ \text{Nays} \dots\dots\dots 37. \end{array} \right.$

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston,
Theodorus Bailey,
John Bird,
Phanuel Bishop,
Robert Brown,
Samuel J. Cabell,
Gabriel Christie,
Matthew Clay,
William Charles Cole Claiborne,
John Condit,
Thomas T. Davis,
John Dawson,
John Dennis,
George Dent,
Joseph Dickson,
Joseph Eggleston,
Lucas Elmendorf,
John Fowler,
Albert Gallatin,
Samuel Goode,
Edwin Gray,
Andrew Gregg,
John A. Hanna,
Thomas Hartley,
Joseph Heister,
William H. Hill,
David Holmes,

Benjamin Huger,
George Jackson,
James Jones,
Aaron Kitchell,
Michael Leib,
Matthew Lyon,
James Linn,
Nathaniel Macon,
Peter Muhlenberg,
John Nicholas,
Joseph H. Nicholson,
Abraham Nott,
Josiah Parker,
John Randolph,
John Smilie,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
David Stone,
Thomas Sumter,
Benjamin Taliaferro,
John Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Joseph B. Varnum, and
Robert Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

George Baer,
Bailey Bartlett,
Jonathan Brace,
John Brown,
Christopher G. Champlin,
William Craik,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
William Edmond,
Thomas Evans,
Abiel Foster,
Dwight Foster,
Jonathan Freeman,
Henry Glen,
Chauncey Goodrich,
Elizur Goodrich,
William Gordon,
Roger Griswold,
Robert Goodloe Harper,

Archibald Henderson,
James H. Imlay,
Henry Lee,
Silas Lee,
Samuel Lyman,
John Marshall,
Harrison G. Otis,
Thomas Pinckney,
Jonas Platt,
John Reed,
Samuel Sewall,
William Shepard,
George Thatcher,
John Chew Thomas,
Richard Thomas,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Robert Wain, and
Lemuel Williams.

The other amendment, reported by the Committee of the Whole House, being again read, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The said bill was then further amended at the Clerk's table, and, together with the amendments, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House proceeded to consider the message from the Senate, of yesterday, on the subject-matter of the amendments depending between the two Houses to the bill, entitled "An act for allowing a drawback of duties on goods exported to New Orleans, and therein to amend the act, entitled 'An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage :'" Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the proposed conference; and that Mr. Sewall, Mr. Wain, and Mr. Samuel Smith, be appointed managers at the same on the part of this House.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Ordered, That the letter of the Secretary of the Treasury of the eighth instant, transmitting a letter from the Comptroller, with an abstract of the compensations of the officers of the Customs, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, and which lay on the table, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of the Whole House, made the thirteenth instant, to whom was referred the report of the committee appointed to inquire whether any, and what, alterations are necessary to be made in the judicial establishment of the territory Northwest of the Ohio, and into the expediency of dividing the said territory into two distinct and separate Governments; and the resolution reported from the Committee of the Whole House being again read in the words following, to wit :

Resolved, That the territory Northwest of the river Ohio be divided into two distinct and separate Governments, by a line beginning at the mouth of the Great Miami river, and running thence a North course until it intersects the boundary line between the United States and Canada :

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution; and that Mr. Craik, Mr. Harrison, and Mr. Bird, do prepare and bring in the same.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 1800.

Ordered, That Mr. Bayard have leave to be absent from the service of this House until Monday next.

An engrossed bill to extend the privilege of obtaining patents for useful discoveries and inventions to certain persons therein mentioned, and to enlarge and define the penalties for violating the rights of patentees, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to extend the privilege of obtaining patents for useful discoveries and inventions, and to enlarge and define the penalties for violating the rights of patentees."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill supplemental to the act, entitled "An act for an amicable settlement of limits with the State of Georgia, and authorizing the establishment of a Government in the Mississippi Territory," was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act supplemental to the act, entitled 'An act for an amicable settlement of limits with the State of Georgia, and authorizing the establishment of a Government in the Mississippi Territory.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill to enable the President of the United States to borrow money for the public service was read the third time;

And, on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 52,
 { Nays 39.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston,
George Baer,
Bailey Bartlett,
John Bird,
Jonathan Brace,
John Brown,
Christopher G. Champlin,
William Cooper,
William Craik,
John Davenport,
John Dennis,
George Dent,
Joseph Dickson,
William Edmond,
Thomas Evans,
Abiel Foster,
Dwight Foster,
Jonathan Freeman,
Henry Glen,
Samuel Goode,
Chauncey Goodrich,
Elizur Goodrich,
William Gordon,
Roger Griswold,
William Barry Grove,
Robert Goodloe Harper,

Archibald Henderson,
William H. Hill,
Benjamin Huger,
James H. Inlay,
Aaron Kitchell,
John Wilkes Kittera,
Henry Lee,
Silas Lee,
Samuel Lyman,
James Linn,
Harrison G. Otis,
Josiah Parker,
Jonas Platt,
Leven Powell,
John Reed,
Samuel Sewall,
James Sheafe,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Dobbs Spaight,
George Thatcher,
Richard Thomas,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Robert Waln,
Lemuel Williams, and
Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Theodorus Bailey,
Phanuel Bishop,
Robert Brown,
Samuel J. Cabell,
Gabriel Christie,
Matthew Clay,
William Charles Cole Claiborne,
John Condit,
John Dawson,
Joseph Eggleston,
Lucas Elmendorf,
John Fowler,
Albert Gallatin,
Andrew Gregg,
John A. Hanna,
Thomas Hartley,
Joseph Heister,
David Holmes,
George Jackson,
James Jones,

Michael Leib,
Matthew Lyon,
Nathaniel Macon,
Peter Muhlenberg,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
Joseph H. Nicholson,
John Randolph,
John Smilie,
John Smith,
Richard Stanford,
David Stone,
Thomas Sumter,
Benjamin Taliaferro,
John Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
Philip Van Cortlandt, and
Robert Williams.

Resolved, That the title be, "An act to enable the President of the United States to borrow money for the public service."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of Godfrey Wenwood was presented to the House and read, praying a reimbursement for certain property belonging to the petitioner, which was destroyed by the British during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the eleventh instant, the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of Thomas Frothingham and others.

A petition of Oliver Pollock, renewing his former application for compensation on account of moneys advanced for, and services rendered, the United States, during the late war, was presented to the House and read, stating that he is possessed of new proofs in support of his said demand, and praying that the House will go into an investigation of the same.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A memorial of the Select and Common Councils of the city of Philadelphia, was presented to the House and read, praying that Congress may take such precautionary measures to prevent the introduction of the plague, which has for some time prevailed in the countries bordering on the Mediterranean, as to their wisdom shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Wadsworth, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to alter the times of holding the District Court in North Carolina."

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the tenth instant, the petition of John Anders and Bridget, his wife, administrators of the estate of James White, deceased, made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the said petition cannot be granted.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented a bill for the relief of John Collet; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Otis, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for establishing a Military Academy, and for the better regulating the corps of artillerists and engineers; which was received, and read the first time: Whereupon,

Opposition being made thereto, the question was taken, "Shall this bill be rejected?"

And passed in the negative.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Claims, of the seventeenth ultimo, on the petition of the corporation of Rhode Island College; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Parker reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth:

Resolved, That the accounting officers of the Treasury liquidate and settle the claims of the corporation of Rhode Island College, for compensation for the use and occupation of the edifice of the said College, and for injuries done to the same, from the tenth of December, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six, to the twentieth of April, one thousand seven hundred and eighty, by the troops of the United States; and the sum which may be found due to the said corporation for damages done to, and occupation of, the said edifice, as aforesaid, be paid them out of any moneys unappropriated in the Treasury.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution; and that the Committee of Claims do prepare and bring in the same.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 1800.

An engrossed bill for the relief of John Collet was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the relief of John Collett."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of the corporation of Rhode Island College; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Jones, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill supplementary to the act to regulate trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes, and to preserve peace on the frontiers; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Craik, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to divide the territory of the United States Northwest of the Ohio, into two separate Governments; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to examine the accounts of the United States relating to the public debt, and to report to the House the amount respectively incurred and extinguished; and, generally, such facts as relate to the increase or diminution of the same since the establishment of the Government of the United States under the present Constitution.

Ordered, That Mr. Griswold, Mr. Wain, Mr. Nicholas, Mr. Sheafe, Mr. Gallatin, Mr. Scwall, and Mr. Samuel Smith, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, made the tenth ultimo, on the petition of Henry Stouffer and Andrew Wallace; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Parker reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of the said Henry Stouffer and Andrew Wallace cannot be granted.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report made the fourteenth instant, by the committee to whom was referred, on the twenty-first ultimo, the petition of sundry inhabitants of Mount Pleasant, in the State of New York; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Parker reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth:

Resolved, That the prayer of the said petition cannot be granted.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to provide for the execution of the twenty-seventh article of the treaty of amity, commerce, and navigation, made with Great Britain; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Edmond reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Claims, made the eighteenth instant, on the petition of Amy Dardin, referred to them on the tenth ultimo; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Parker reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of the said Amy Dardin ought not to be granted.

Ordered, That Mr. Silas Lee be added to the committee appointed, on the fourteenth ultimo, to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations are necessary to be made in the compensations allowed by law to the officers of the two Houses of Congress.

Ordered, That the report of the Committee of Claims, made the sixth instant, on the petition of Tobias Rudolph, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Shaw, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, yesterday, approve and sign an act, which which originated in this House, entitled "An act to alter the times of holding the District Court in North Carolina."

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 1800.

An engrossed bill for the relief of the corporation of Rhode Island College was read the third time.

On motion,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed until Monday next.

A petition of John Carthy was presented to the House and read, praying that he may receive the amount of a certificate given the petitioner, for supplies furnished for the use of the United States; in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one; which certificate was lodged in the Treasury, and, upon application being there made by the petitioner for the same, appears to have been lost or mislaid.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, accompanying his report made in pursuance of a resolution of this House of the eighteenth instant, relative to the action between the United States' frigate *Constellation* and French ship of war *La Vengeance*; which was read, and ordered to be referred to the committee appointed, on the twelfth of December last, to inquire into the state of the Naval equipment ordered by former acts of Congress, and to consider whether any, and what, other Naval force may be necessary for the protection of the commerce of the United States and the support of their flag.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, accompanying his report on the petition of John Armstrong, referred to him by order of the House, on the tenth instant; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the twenty-sixth ultimo, the petition of Gilbert Dench, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

A petition of Christopher Derring and Frederick Lazarus, guardians of the orphan children of Anthony Selin, late a captain in the Army of the United States, was presented to the House and read, praying the renewal of a land warrant granted to the deceased in his life-time, which has been lost or destroyed.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed, on the twelfth ultimo, to inquire into the expediency of passing a law to regulate the manner of entering caveats to prevent the issuing of patents for land granted for military services.

Mr. Marshall, from the committee appointed, on the twenty-sixth ultimo, to inquire into the expediency of accepting from the State of Connecticut a cession of jurisdiction of the territory West of Pennsylvania, commonly called the Western Reserve of Connecticut, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday, the thirty-first instant.

Mr. Marshall, from the same committee, presented, according to order, a bill to authorize the President of the United States to accept for the United States a cession of jurisdiction of the territory west of Pennsylvania, commonly called the Western Reserve of Connecticut; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to the Committee of the Whole House last mentioned.

Mr. Parker, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill fixing the rank and pay of the commanding officer of the corps of Marines; which was received, and read the first time.

Joseph Dickson,
William Edmond,
Thomas Evans,
Abiel Foster,
Dwight Foster,
Jonathan Freeman,
Henry Glen,
Chauncey Goodrich,

Elizur Goodrich,
William Gordon,
John A. Hanna,
James H. Imlay,
George Jackson,
Henry Lee,
Silas Lee,
Samuel Lyman,
Joseph H. Nicholson,
Harrison G. Otis,
Josiah Parker,
Thomas Pinckney,
Jonas Platt,

John Reed,
John Rutledge, jun.
Samuel Sewall,
James Sheafe,
William Shepard,
Samuel Smith,
Benjamin Taliaferro,
George Thatcher,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Robert Waln, and
Lemuel Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston,
John Bird,
Robert Brown,
Samuel J. Cabell,
Matthew Clay,
John Condit,
Thomas T. Davis,
John Dawson,
John Dennis,
George Dent,
Joseph Eggleston,
Lucas Elmendorf,
Albert Gallatin,
Samuel Goode,
Edwin Gray,
Andrew Gregg,
Robert Goodloe Harper,
Joseph Heister,
Archibald Henderson,
William H. Hill,
David Holmes,

Benjamin Huger,
Aaron Kitchell,
Michael Leib,
Matthew Lyon,
James Linn,
Nathaniel Macon,
Peter Muhlenberg,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
Abraham Nott,
John Randolph,
John Smilie,
John Smith,
Richard Stanford,
David Stone,
Thomas Sumter,
John Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg, and
Robert Williams.

Resolved, That the title be, "An act for the relief of the corporation of Rhode Island College."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of Silas Dinsmoor, late an agent, under the authority of the United States, with the Cherokee nation of Indians, was presented to the House and read, stating that the compensation allowed to him while in the said employment was inadequate to his services, and praying that a further allowance may be made to him for the same.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A petition of sundry inhabitants of Fayette county, in the State of Pennsylvania, was presented to the House and read, stating certain reasons against granting the petition of Benjamin Wells, presented the twenty-second of November, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, and which was referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, by order of the House, on the first instant.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the thirteenth instant, the petition of Robert Yates, made a report; which was read and considered; Whereupon,

Resolved, That the said Robert Yates have leave to withdraw his said petition.

Mr. Parker, from the committee to whom was referred, on Friday last, the report of the Secretary of the Navy relative to the action between the United States' frigate *Constellation* and the French ship of war *La Vengeance*, reported two resolutions; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were read.

The House proceeded to consider the said report at the Clerk's table; and the first resolution reported by the committee being under consideration, in the words following to wit:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be requested to present to Captain Thomas Truxton a golden medal, emblematical of the late action between the

United States' frigate Constellation, of thirty-eight guns, and the French ship of war La Vengeance, of fifty-four, in testimony of the high sense entertained by Congress of his gallantry and good conduct in the above engagement, wherein an example was exhibited by the captain, officers, sailors, and marines, honorable to the American name, and instructive to its rising Navy :

The question was taken that the House do agree to the same.

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas, 87,
Nays, 4.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston,
 George Baer,
 Bailey Bartlett,
 John Bird,
 Phanael Bishop,
 Jonathan Brace,
 John Brown,
 Robert Brown,
 Samuel J. Cabell,
 Christopher G. Champlin,
 William C. C. Claiborne,
 John Condit,
 William Cooper,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Davenport,
 Thomas T. Davis,
 John Dawson,
 John Dennis,
 George Dent,
 Joseph Dickson,
 William Edmond,
 Joseph Eggleston,
 Lucas Elmendorf,
 Thomas Evans,
 Abiel Foster,
 Dwight Foster,
 John Fowler,
 Jonathan Freeman,
 Albert Gallatin,
 Henry Glen,
 Samuel Goode,
 Chauncey Goodrich,
 Elizur Goodrich,
 William Gordon,
 Edwin Gray,
 Roger Griswold,
 John A. Hanna,
 Robert Goodloe Harper,
 Thomas Hartley,
 Archibald Henderson,
 William H. Hill,
 David Holmes,
 Benjamin Huger,
 James H. Imlay,

James Jones,
Aaron Kitchell,
John Wilkes Kittera,
Henry Lee,
Silas Lee,
Michael Leib,
Samuel Lyman,
James Linn,
Nathaniel Macon,
John Marshall,
Peter Muhlenberg,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
Joseph H. Nicholson,
Abraham Nott,
Harrison G. Otis,
Josiah Parker,
Thomas Pinckney,
Jonas Platt,
Leven Powell,
John Reed,
John Rutledge, jr.
Samuel Sewall,
James Sheafe,
William Shepard,
John Smilie,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
David Stone,
Benjamin Taliaferro,
George Thatcher,
John Chew Thomas,
John Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Robert Waln,
Robert Williams,
Lemuel Williams, and
Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

George Jackson,
Matthew Lyon,

**John Randolph, and
Thomas Sumter.**

The other resolution reported by the Select Committee, being then read, in the words following, to wit:

And it is further resolved, That the conduct of *James Jarvis*, a Midshipman in said frigate, who gloriously preferred certain death to an abandonment of his post, is deserving of the highest praise ; and that the loss of so promising an officer, is a subject of national regret :

The question was taken that the House do agree to the same,
And *unanimously* resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said resolutions to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Harper, from the Committee of Ways and Means, presented, according to order, a bill to amend the act, entitled "An act providing for the second census or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Harper, from the same committee, presented, according to order, a bill to make further provision for the removal and accommodation of the Government of the United States; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

Ordered, That the report of the Secretary of War, made on Friday last, on the petition of John Armstrong, be referred to the committee appointed, on the twelfth ultimo, to inquire into the expediency of passing a law to prevent the entering a caveat, in any case, to hinder the issuing a patent for land granted for military services.

Ordered, That the committee appointed, on the fourteenth ultimo, to inquire what alterations are necessary to be made in the compensations allowed by law to the officers of the two Houses of Congress, have leave to report by bill or bills, or otherwise.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the better establishment and regulation of the Courts of the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

The question was then taken that the Committee of the Whole House have leave to sit again on the said bill,

And passed in the negative.

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means have leave to prepare, and report a bill or bills, for making appropriations for the various branches of the public service, during the present year.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 1800.

An engrossed bill to amend the act, entitled "An act providing for the second census or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States," was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to alter the form of certain oaths and affirmations directed to be taken by the act, entitled 'An act providing for the second census or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of the officers of the regiment commanded by Colonel Benjamin Flowers, during the late war, signed by John Jordan, in his own behalf, and Alexander Power, attorney in fact for the other officers belonging to the said regiment, was presented to the House and read, praying that they may receive the commutation or half-pay allowed by law to other officers of the Army of the United States;

And, a motion being made and seconded that the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims,

The question was taken thereupon,

And passed in the negative.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

A petition of James Mitchell was presented to the House and read, praying to be placed on the pension list, in consideration of wounds and other injuries sustained by the petitioner, whilst a soldier in the Army of the United States, during the late war.

Also, a petition of Stephen G. Simmons, a Lieutenant of Light Dragoons, praying to be reimbursed the value of a horse, the property of the petitioner, which died in consequence of the fatiguing and harassing service in which he was employed.

Also, a petition of Jane Lynch, widow of John R. Lynch, late a Surgeon in the first

regiment of Artillery in the service of the United States, praying that the bounty of Congress may be extended to herself and children, who, by the death of her said husband, while employed in the said service, are left destitute and unprovided for.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the committee appointed, on the fourteenth instant, to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to remit any forfeitures which shall occur, or may have occurred under the law of the United States, prohibiting the exportation of arms and ammunition, on the same principles on which the Secretary is authorized to remit forfeitures incurred under the revenue laws, made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That it is inexpedient "to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to remit any forfeitures which shall occur, or may have occurred under the law of the United States prohibiting the exportation of arms and ammunition, on the same principles on which the Secretary is authorized to remit forfeitures incurred under the revenue laws."

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying his reports on the memorial of David Jones; and the petitions of Obadiah Scott, and of George Gilbert and Jacob Gilbert; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the sixth of December last, the petition of Seth Nelson, attorney for Samuel Brown, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

A motion being made and seconded that the further consideration of the bill for the better establishment and regulation of the Courts of the United States, be postponed until the first Monday in December next;

The question was taken thereupon,

And passed in the negative, { Yeas 44,
 { Nays 50.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Willis Alston,
Phanuel Bishop,
Robert Brown,
Samuel J. Cabell,
Gabriel Christie,
Matthew Clay,
William Charles Cole Claiborne,
John Condit,
Thomas T. Davis,
John Dawson,
George Dent,
Joseph Eggleston,
Lucas Elmendorf,
John Fowler,
Albert Gallatin,
Samuel Goode,
Edwin Gray,
Andrew Gregg,
John A. Hanna,
Joseph Heister,
David Holmes,
George Jackson,

James Jones,
Aaron Kitchell,
Michael Leib,
Matthew Lyon,
Nathaniel Macon,
Peter Muhlenberg,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
John Randolph,
John Smilie,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
David Stone,
Thomas Sumter,
Benjamin Taliaferro,
John Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Joseph B. Varnum, and
Robert Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

George Baer,
Bailey Bartlett,
John Bird,
Jonathan Brace,
John Brown,
Christopher G. Champlin,
William Cosper,
Samuel W. Dana,

John Davenport,
John Dennis,
Joseph Dickson,
William Edmond,
Thomas Evans,
Abiel Foster,
Dwight Foster,
Jonathan Freeman,

Henry Glen,
 Chauncey Goodrich,
 Elizur Goodrich,
 William Gordon,
 Roger Griswold,
 William Barry Grove,
 Robert Goodloe Harper,
 Archibald Henderson,
 William H. Hill,
 Benjamin Huger,
 James H. Imlay,
 John Wilkes Kittera,
 Henry Lee,
 Silas Lee,
 Samuel Lyman,
 John Marshall,
 Lewis R. Morris,

Abraham Nott,
 Harrison G. Otis,
 Josiah Parker,
 Thomas Pinckney,
 Leven Powell,
 John Read,
 John Rutledge, jun.
 Samuel Sewall,
 James Sheafe,
 William Shepard,
 Richard Dobbs Spaight,
 George Thatcher,
 Richard Thomas,
 Peleg Wadsworth,
 Robert Waln,
 Lemuel Williams, and
 Henry Woods.

On motion,

Ordered, That the said bill be re-committed to a Committee of the Whole House immediately.

The House, accordingly, resolved itself into the said committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 1800.

Mr. Harper, from the Committee of Ways and Means, presented, according to order, a bill making appropriations for the support of Government, for the year one thousand eight hundred; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

A petition of sundry inhabitants of Harford county, in the State of Maryland, was presented to the House and read, praying that the post office at present established at the town of Harford, in the said county, may be removed to Abingdon.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Postmaster General.

A memorial of the Board of Health of the town of Portsmouth, in the State of New Hampshire, was presented to the House and read, praying that Congress may adopt effectual measures to prevent the introduction of the plague, and other contagious diseases, into the ports of the United States, through the channels of commerce.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

A petition of Elizabeth Jameson, widow and administratrix of Doctor David Jameson, deceased, was presented to the House and read, praying a reimbursement of sundry expenses incurred for medicines furnished, and attendance given by the deceased, to a number of sick recruits and soldiers belonging to the Army of the United States, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven.

Ordered, That the said petition, together with the petition of John Baptist Verdier, presented the second of May, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A petition of sundry inhabitants of the Illinois country, in the Northwestern Territory, was presented to the House and read, praying that the said territory may be divided into two distinct and separate Governments; and that a Government similar to the one established by the ordinance of Congress of one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven, may be established in that part of the said territory lying to the Westward of a line drawn due North from the mouth of the Great Miami of the Ohio.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the twentieth instant, the bill to divide the territory of the United States Northwest of the Ohio, into two separate Governments.

A petition of Abraham Bell was presented to the House and read, stating that upon application made by the petitioner at the War Office, for warrants for bounty lands due to soldiers for their services during the late war, the instruments of writing accompanying the said application have been declared to be imperfect, although authenticated in the same manner as instruments of writing heretofore presented by the petitioner, and upon which warrants have heretofore issued to him from the said office.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed, on the twelfth ultimo, to inquire into the expediency of passing a law to regulate the manner of entering caveats to prevent the issuing of patents for land granted for military services.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the eleventh instant, the petition of James Bell, made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of the said James Bell cannot be granted.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to provide for the better establishment and regulation of the Courts of the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a further progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 1800.

A petition of Rufus Ames was presented to the House and read, praying that he may receive the amount of certain certificates of public debt, the property of the petitioner, which, owing to his ignorance of the laws, and other causes, have not been presented for liquidation and settlement within the time prescribed by the acts of limitation.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the sixteenth of December last, the petition of Timothy Winn, in behalf of Joshua Whitney, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was referred, on the twenty-fifth instant, the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of Seth Nelson, attorney for Samuel Brown.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying his report on the memorial of Charles Pettit, referred to him by order of the House, on the eighth of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six; which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have agreed to the resolutions in honor of the conduct of Captain Thomas Truxton, the officers, seamen, and marines, of the Constellation frigate, and of James Jarvis, a midshipman, who was lost in the late action with the French ship of war La Vengeance. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to provide for the better establishment and regulation of the Courts of the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a further progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 1800.

A petition of sundry merchants residing in the town of Petersburg, in the State of Virginia, was presented to the House and read, praying that the Collector's Office for the District of Bermuda Hundred and City Point, may be kept in the said town of Petersburg.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Gray, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined the enrolled resolutions in honor of the conduct of Captain Thomas

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill and resolutions.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, instructed, on the thirteenth of January last, to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations ought to be made in the law passed on the twelfth day of June, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, entitled "An act respecting Loan Office and final settlement certificates, indents of interest, and the unfunded or registered debt credited in the books of the Treasury, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said resolution to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

On motion,

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution; and that Mr. Henry Lee, Mr. Kittera, and Mr. Dennis, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Henry Lee, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order; a bill to extend the privilege of franking letters and packages to Martha Washington; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill fixing the rank and pay of the commanding officer of the Corps of Marines; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to divide the territory of the United States Northwest of the Ohio, into two separate Governments; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made two amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were twice read, and agreed to by the House.

A motion being made and seconded that the further consideration of the bill for the better establishment and regulation of the courts of the United States, be postponed until the first Monday of December next ;

And resolved in the negative,

{ Yeas	46,
{ Nays	52.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston,
Phanuel Bishop,
Robert Brown,
Samuel J. Cabell,
Gabriel Christie,
Matthew Clay,
William Charles Cole Claiborne,
John Condit,
Thomas T. Davis,
John Dawson,
George Dent,
Joseph Eggleston,
Lucas Elmendorf,
John Fowler,
Albert Gallatin,
Samuel Goode,
Edwin Gray,
Andrew Gregg,
John A. Hanna,
Thomas Hartley,
Joseph Heister,
David Holmes,
George Jackson,

James Jones,
Aaron Kitchell,
Michael Leib,
Matthew Lyon,
Edward Livingston,
Nathaniel Macon,
Peter Muhlenberg,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
Joseph H. Nicholson,
John Randolph,
John Smilie,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
David Stone,
Thomas Sumter,
Benjamin Taliaferro,
John Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
Joseph B. Varnum, and
Robert Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

George Baer,
Bailey Bartlett,
James A. Bayard,
John Bird,
Jonathan Brace,
John Brown,
Christopher G. Champlin,
William Cooper,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
Franklin Davenport,
John Dennis,
Joseph Dickson,
William Edmond,
Thomas Evans,
Abiel Foster,
Dwight Foster,
Jonathan Freeman,
Henry Glen,
Chauncey Goodrich,
Elizur Goodrich,
William Gordon,
Roger Griswold,
William Barry Grove,
Robert Goodloe Harper,
Archibald Henderson,

William H. Hill,
Benjamin Huger,
James H. Inlay,
John Wilkes Kittera,
Henry Lee,
Silas Lee,
Samuel Lyman,
John Marshall,
Lewis R. Morris,
Abraham Nott,
Harrison G. Otis,
Josiah Parker,
Thomas Pinckney,
Jonas Platt,
Leven Powell,
John Reed,
John Rutledge, jun.,
Samuel Sewall,
James Sheafe,
William Shepard,
George Thatcher,
Richard Thomas,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Robert Waln,
Lemuel Williams, and
Henry Woods.

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from the further consideration of the said bill, and that the same be recommitted to Mr. Harper, Mr. Chauncey Goodrich, Mr. Bayard, Mr. Marshall, and Mr. Sewall.

Mr. Wadsworth, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, the enrolled resolutions in honor of the conduct of Captain Thomas Truxton, the officers, seamen, and marines, of the Constellation frigate, and of James Jarvis, a midshipman, who was lost in the late action with the French ship of war La Vengeance; and, also, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Campbell Smith."

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, MARCH 31, 1800.

Ordered, That Mr. Otis have leave to be absent from the service of this House for three weeks.

An engrossed bill fixing the rank and pay of the commanding officer of the Corps of Marines was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act fixing the rank and pay of the commanding officer of the Corps of Marines."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill to extend the privilege of franking letters and packages to Martha Washington was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to extend the privilege of franking letters and packages to Martha Washington."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill to divide the Territory of the United States Northwest of the Ohio into two separate Governments, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to divide the Territory of the United States Northwest of the Ohio into two separate Governments."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of Otway Byrd, of the State of Virginia, was presented to the House and read, praying that the Secretary of State may be authorized and directed to issue a patent for certain lands granted to the petitioner by the State of Virginia, for military services, but which have been improperly located on land ceded by the State of Virginia to the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the report of the Committee of Claims, made the twenty-fifth ultimo, on the petition of Temple Elliot and others.

Ordered, That the petition of sundry ancient inhabitants of the Illinois country, presented the first of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, be referred to the committee appointed, on the twenty-fourth of December last, to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations are necessary to be made in the laws providing for the sale of the lands of the United States Northwest of the Ohio.

A petition of sundry merchants and inhabitants of the District of New Bedford, in the State of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, praying that the port of New Bedford may be made a port of entry for vessels arriving from the Cape of Good Hope, and beyond the same.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, and that the said committee have leave to report thereon by bill or bills, or otherwise.

A petition of sundry merchants of the city of Richmond and town of Manchester, in the State of Virginia, was presented to the House and read, praying that an office for the collection of the customs may be established at Richmond, or that arrangements may be made to enable them to make their entries complete, and pay their duties there, instead of the town of Petersburg, to which latter place moneys for the same are carried at great risk.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred, on the eleventh instant, the petition of Dr. Henry Mead, made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of the said Henry Mead cannot be granted.

Mr. Abiel Foster, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill supplementary to the laws now in force fixing the compensations of the officers of the Senate and House of Representatives; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred, on the eleventh and twenty-seventh instant, the petition of Henry and Sarah Watters, and of Rufus Ames, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the twenty-eighth instant, the

report of the Committee of Claims, instructed, on the 13th of January last, to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations ought to be made in the law passed on the twelfth day of June, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, entitled "An act respecting loan office and final settlement certificates, indents of interest, and the unfunded or registered debt credited in the books of the Treasury."

Mr. Harper, from the committee to whom was re-committed, on the 28th instant, the bill for the better establishment and regulation of the courts of the United States, reported an amendatory bill to provide for the more convenient organization of the courts of the United States; which was received.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee appointed, on the fifth instant, to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the President of the United States to appoint an agent to purchase of the Indians a tract of land on the South side of lake Superior, which shall include the great copper bed; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as follows:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be authorized to employ an agent, who shall be instructed to collect all material information relative to the copper mines on the South side of lake Superior, and to ascertain whether the Indian title to such lands as might be required for the use of the United States, in case they should deem it expedient to work the said mines, be yet subsisting; and, if so, the terms on which the same can be extinguished: And that the said agent be instructed to make report to the President, in such time as the information he may collect may be laid before Congress at their next session.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said resolution to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act prescribing the mode of deciding disputed elections of President and Vice President of the United States;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Claims, made the twenty-first instant, to whom was referred the petition of Gilbert Dench; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of the said Gilbert Dench cannot be granted, and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw the same.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Shaw, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on Saturday last, approve and sign an act, which originated in this House, entitled "An act for the relief Campbell Smith;" also, the resolutions in honor of Captain Thomas Truxton, the officers, seamen, and marines, of the Constellation frigate, and of James Jarvis, a midshipman, who was lost in the late action with the French ship of war La Vengeance.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act prescribing the mode of deciding disputed elections of President and Vice President of the United States," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to amend the act, entitled "An act providing for the sale of the lands of the United States in the territory Northwest of the Ohio, and above the mouth of Kentucky river;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to discharge Ro-

bert Sturgeon from his imprisonment," with an amendment; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate have disagreed to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas Arnold." And then he withdrew.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow. And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 1800.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of State, accompanying his report, made in pursuance of a resolution of this House, on the twenty-eighth ultimo, directing him to lay before this House a report of the proceedings had under an act passed at the last session, entitled "An act in addition to an act, entitled 'An act for the more general promulgation of the laws of the United States,'" together with an account of the expense incurred within each State, by publishing the laws therein; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented, according to order, a bill to incorporate a company by the name and style of "The Mine and Metal Company;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the twenty-third of December last, the petition of John M'Vickar, made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of the said John M'Vickar cannot be granted.

Mr. Griswold, from the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business, to whom it was referred to examine and report what laws have expired, or are near expiring, and require to be revived or further continued, made a farther report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business do prepare and report a bill or bills further to continue in force the following acts, viz:

An act passed on the fifth day of June, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, entitled "An act in addition to the act for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States."

An act passed on the twenty-third of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, entitled "An act to prescribe the mode of taking evidence in cases of contested elections for members of the House of Representatives, and to compel the attendance of witnesses." And

An act passed on the twenty-fifth day of June, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, entitled "An act to authorize the defence of merchant vessels of the United States against French depredations."

Mr. Griswold, from the same committee, made a further report; which was read, and is as follows:

"That, in respect to two acts relating to the revenue, which expire at the end of the present session of Congress, they submit the following resolutions:

"1. *Resolved*, That the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business do prepare and report a bill to continue in force an act passed on the eighth day of July, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, entitled 'An act laying an additional duty on salt imported into the United States, and for other purposes.'"

"2. *Resolved*, That the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business do prepare and report a bill further to suspend the duties upon the manufacture of snuff within the United States, and the drawbacks upon the exportation thereof."

Ordered, That the first resolution be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the second resolution contained in the said report.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to extend the privilege of franking letters and packages to Martha Washington." And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to discharge Robert Sturgeon from his imprisonment:" Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The bill reported yesterday, to provide for the more convenient organization of the courts of the United States, was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to amend the act, entitled "An act providing for the sale of the lands of the United States in the territory Northwest of the Ohio, and above the mouth of Kentucky river;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

The said bill was then further amended at the Clerk's table, and, together with the amendments, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Ithamar Canfield;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 1800.

An engrossed bill to amend the act, entitled "An act providing for the sale of the lands of the United States in the territory Northwest of the Ohio, and above the mouth of Kentucky river," was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act providing for the sale of the lands of the United States in the territory Northwest of the Ohio, and above the mouth of Kentucky river.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A memorial of sundry inhabitants of Kent county, in the State of Delaware, was presented to the House and read, praying that the town of Dover, in the said county, may be chosen as the most suitable and convenient place for holding the courts of the United States within that district.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to a Committee of the Whole House to whom was yesterday committed the bill to provide for the more convenient organization of the courts of the United States.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter and report from the Secretary of the Treasury on the petition of Benjamin Wells, referred to him the first ultimo; and, also, a counter petition, signed by sundry inhabitants of Fayette county, in the State of Pennsylvania, referred to him on the twenty-fourth ultimo; which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the twenty-eighth of January last, a memorial of Joshua Johnson, of Georgetown, in the State of Maryland, made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That a special interference of Congress, respecting the claim of the petitioner, is unnecessary, and would be inexpedient.

Mr. Davis, from the committee to whom was referred, on the twenty-sixth ultimo, the petition of Abraham Bell, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented, according to order, a bill to provide for certain repairs and additions to the light-house at New London; for the support of a light-house at Clark's Point; and for the erection and support of a light-house at Wigwam Point; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

Mr. Sewall, from the managers appointed, on the part of this House, to attend a conference with the managers appointed, on the part of the Senate, on the subject-matter of the amendments proposed by the Senate, and disagreed to by this House, to the bill, entitled "An act to allow a drawback of duties on goods exported to New Orleans, and

therein to amend the act, entitled "An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage," made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth recede from their disagreement to the amendments proposed by the Senate to the said bill; and doth agree to the same, with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Sewall, from the committee to whom were referred, on the twenty fourth of December, and on the first and thirteenth of January last, the several petitions of Thomas Burling and others, of John Collier and others, and of Cato West and others, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Ithamar Canfield," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to the committee appointed, on the twelfth of February last, to inquire into the expediency or inexpediency of passing a law to prevent the entering a caveat, in any case, to hinder the issuing a patent for land granted for military services.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to make further provision for the removal and accommodation of the Government of the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of making further provision, by law, for the relief of the widow and orphan children of the late Colonel John Harding, and for the orphan daughter of the late Major Alexander Truman; and that they report by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Nicholas, Mr. Davis, and Mr. Kitchell, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to provide for the execution of the twenty-seventh article of the treaty of amity, commerce, and navigation, made with Great Britain; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a further progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

Ordered, That the report of the Secretary of War, made the twenty-sixth of February last, on the petition of Samuel Lewis, senior, be referred to Mr. Claiborne, Mr. Dennis, and Mr. Silas Lee.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 1800.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire and report by bill or otherwise, whether any, and what, further provisions are necessary to be made relative to sales of real estate delivered to the United States, in satisfaction of judgments against persons indebted thereto.

Ordered, That Mr. Harper, Mr. Griswold, and Mr. Dennis, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

Mr. Harper, from the Committee of Ways and Means, presented according to order, a bill making appropriations for the Military establishment of the United States, in the year one thousand eight hundred; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Gray, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined two enrolled bills, to wit: one entitled "An act to establish an uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States;" and the other entitled "An act to extend the privilege of banking letters and packages to Martha Washington;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the fifth ultimo, the petition of Benjamin Stites, made a report ; which was read and considered : Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of the said Benjamin Stites ought to be rejected.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the better government of the Navy of the United States, and repealing the act on the same subject, passed the second day of March, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Harper reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

The said bill was then further amended at the Clerk's table, and, together with the amendments, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Gray, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, two enrolled bills, to wit : one entitled "An act to establish an uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States ;" and the other entitled "An act to extend the privilege of franking letters and packages to Martha Washington."

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate agree to the amendment proposed by this House to their amendment to the bill, entitled "An act to allow a drawback of duties on goods exported to New Orleans, and therein to amend the act, entitled 'An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage.'" And then he withdrew.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 1800.

An engrossed bill for the better government of the Navy of the United States, and repealing the act on the same subject, passed the second day of March, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, was read the third time, and the blanks therein filled up.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the better government of the Navy of the United States."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Griswold, from the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business, presented, according to order, a bill to continue in force the act in addition to the act for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Griswold, from the same committee, presented, according to order, a bill to continue in force the act, entitled "An act to authorize the defence of the merchant vessels of the United States against French depredations ;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

Mr. Griswold, from the same committee, presented, according to order, a bill to repeal the act laying duties on mills and implements employed in the manufacture of snuff ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

Mr. Harper, from the Committee of Ways and Means, presented, according to order, a bill to make appropriations for the Navy of the United States, during the year one thousand eight hundred ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the fourteenth ultimo, the petition of Jacob Tager, made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of the said Jacob Tager, ought not to be granted.

Mr. Harrison, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury, to lease certain salt springs, the property of the United States, in the territory Northwest of the Ohio; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

On motion,

Ordered, That the report of the Secretary of the Treasury on the petition of David Jones, received the twenty-fifth ultimo, be referred to the Committee of the Whole House last appointed.

Mr. Wadsworth, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined two enrolled bills, to wit: one entitled "An act to allow a drawback of duties on goods exported to New Orleans, and therein to amend the act, entitled 'An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage;'" and another entitled "An act to discharge Robert Sturgeon from his imprisonment;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have disagreed to the bill, entitled "An act to prevent the interference of any military force in certain elections." And then he withdrew.

Mr. Pinckney, from the committee to whom was referred, on the seventh ultimo, the petition of William Hill and others, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Shaw, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the third instant, approve and sign an act, which originated in this House, entitled "An act to extend the privilege of franking letters and packages to Martha Washington;" and, on the fourth instant, an act, entitled "An act to establish an uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to make further provision for the removal and accommodation of the Government of the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, were the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

The said bill was then further amended at the Clerk's table, and, together with the amendments, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to establish a General Stamp Office," with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Ordered, That the said bill and amendments be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Wadsworth, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, two enrolled bills, to wit: one entitled "An act to allow a drawback of duties on goods exported to New Orleans, and therein to amend the act, entitled 'An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage;'" and the other entitled "An act to discharge Robert Sturgeon from his imprisonment."

A petition of Daniel Bradley, a major in the fourth United States' regiment, was presented to the House and read, praying to be reimbursed on account of the loss of a horse, the property of the petitioner, which was stolen and killed by certain persons to

whom the petitioner was rendered obnoxious by the nature of the service in which he was employed by the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.
The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.
And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, APRIL 7, 1800.

Ordered, That Mr. Bayard have leave to be absent from the service of this House for one week.

An engrossed bill to continue in force the act, entitled "An act to authorize the defence of the merchant vessels of the United States against French depredations," was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to continue in force the act, entitled 'An act to authorize the defence of the merchant vessels of the United States against French depredations.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill to repeal the act laying duties on mills and implements employed in the manufacture of snuff was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to repeal the act laying duties on mills and implements employed in the manufacture of snuff."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill to make further provision for the removal and accommodation of the Government of the United States was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to make further provision for the removal and accommodation of the Government of the United States."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the twenty-sixth ultimo, the petition of Elizabeth Jameson, widow and administratrix of David Jameson, made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of the said Elizabeth Jameson cannot be granted.

Mr. Harper, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to authorize the sale and conveyance of lands, in certain cases, by the marshals of the United States, and to confirm former sales; which was received, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Harper, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to whom were referred, on the fourth instant, the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to establish a general stamp office," made a report; which was received, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Harper, from the committee to whom was referred, on the seventh ultimo, the memorial of Matthew Patterson and others, made a report; which was received, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to continue in force 'An act concerning certain fisheries of the United States, and for the regulation and government of the fishermen employed therein,' and for other purposes as therein mentioned," with an amendment; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate have disagreed to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John Collect." And then he withdrew.

On a motion made and seconded that the order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to authorize the President of the United States to accept for the United States a cession of jurisdiction of the territory West of Pennsylvania, commonly called the Western Reserve of Connecticut, be postponed until the first Monday in December next;

The question was taken that the House do agree to the same.

And it passed in the negative, { Yeas 30,
 { Nays 57.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Theodorus Bailey,
John Bird,
Samuel J. Cabell,
Gabriel Christie,
Matthew Clay,
William Cooper,
John Dawson,
George Dent,
Joseph Eggleston,
Lucas Elmendorf,
Henry Glen,
Samuel Goode,
Edwin Gray,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Huger,

George Jackson,
Aaron Kitchell,
Nathaniel Macon,
Anthony New,
Joseph H. Nicholson,
Jonas Platt,
John Randolph,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
David Stone,
John Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg, and
Robert Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston,
George Baer,
Bailey Bartlett,
Jonathan Brace,
John Brown,
Christopher G. Champlin,
William Charles Cole Claiborne,
John Condit,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
Franklin Davenport,
John Dennis,
Joseph Dickson,
William Edmond,
Thomas Evans,
Abiel Foster,
Dwight Foster,
Albert Gallatin,
Chauncey Goodrich,
Elizur Goodrich,
William Gordon,
Andrew Gregg,
Roger Griswold,
William Barry Grove,
John A. Hanna,
Robert Goodloe Harper,
Thomas Hartley,
William H. Hill,
James Jones,

John Wilkes Kittera,
Henry Lee,
Silas Lee,
Michael Leib,
Samuel Lyman,
James Linn,
John Marshall,
Lewis R. Morris,
Peter Muhlenberg,
John Nicholas,
Abraham Nott,
Robert Page,
Josiah Parker,
Thomas Pinckney,
Leven Powell,
John Reed,
Samuel Sewall,
James Sheafe,
William Shepard,
John Smilie,
Benjamin Taliaferro,
George Thatcher,
John Chew Thomas,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Robert Wain,
Lemuel Williams, and
Henry Woods.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to continue in force an act concerning certain fisheries of the United States, and for the regulation and government of the fishermen employed therein, and for other purposes as therein mentioned:" Whereupon,

A motion was made and seconded that the further consideration of the said bill and amendment be postponed until the first Monday in December next;

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 36,
 { Nays 54.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston,
Theodorus Bailey,
Samuel J. Cabell,
Gabriel Christie,

Matthew Clay,
William Charles Cole Claiborne,
John Dawson,
George Dent,

Joseph Dickson,
Joseph Eggleston,
Lucas Elmendorf,
John Fowler,
Albert Gallatin,
Edwin Gray,
Andrew Gregg,
William Barry Grove,
John A. Hanna,
Joseph Heister,
William H. Hill,
David Holmes,
George Jackson,
James Jones,

Michael Leib,
Matthew Lyon,
Nathaniel Macon,
Peter Muhlenberg,
Anthony New,
Joseph H. Nicholson,
John Randolph,
John Smilie,
Richard Stanford,
David Stone,
Thomas Sumter,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg, and
Robert Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

George Baer,
Bailey Bartlett,
Phanuel Bishop,
Jonathan Brace,
John Brown,
Christopher G. Champlin,
John Condit,
William Cooper,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
Franklin Davenport,
John Dennis,
William Edmond,
Thomas Evans,
Abiel Foster,
Dwight Foster,
Jonathan Freeman,
Henry Glen,
Chauncey Goodrich,
Elizur Goodrich,
William Gordon,
Roger Griswold,
Robert Goodloe Harper,
Thomas Hartley,
Benjamin Huger,
Aaron Kitchell,
John Wilkes Kittera,

Henry Lee,
Silas Lee,
Samuel Lyman,
James Linn,
John Marshall,
Lewis R. Morris,
John Nicholas,
Abraham Nott,
Robert Page,
Josiah Parker,
Thomas Pinckney,
Jonas Platt,
Leven Powell,
John Reed,
Samuel Sewall,
James Sheafe,
William Shepard,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Benjamin Taliaferro,
George Thatcher,
John Chew Thomas,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Robert Waln,
Lemuel Williams, and
Henry Woods.

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the amendment proposed by the Senate to the said bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A petition of Thomas Leiper, a citizen of the State of Pennsylvania, was presented to the House and read, praying that he may receive the amount of certain loan office certificates, which were lost or destroyed some time in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 1800.

Ordered, That Mr. Goode have leave to be absent from the service of this House for six weeks.

A petition of Marmaduke Mayples was presented to the House and read, praying relief in consideration of injuries sustained by the petitioner, whilst a soldier in the Army of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Ordered, That the report of the Secretary of War on the petitions of William Milton and others, exhibiting claims for militia services in the State of Georgia, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the sixth of February last, the petition of Josiah Jones, made a report ; which was read and considered : Whereupon,

Resolved, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his said petition.

The bill presented, yesterday, to authorize the sale and conveyance of lands in certain cases, by the marshals of the United States, and to confirm former sales, was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The report made, yesterday, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to whom were referred, on the fourth instant, the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to establish a general stamp office," was read and considered : Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the first, and doth disagree to all the other amendments proposed by the Senate to the said bill.

Resolved, That a conference be requested with Senate on the subject-matter of the amendments disagreed to ; and that Mr. Harper, Mr. Griswold, and Mr. Gallatin, be appointed managers at the same on the part of this House, jointly, with such committee as may be appointed for the purpose on the part of the Senate.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Ordered, That the committee to whom was referred, on the thirty-first ultimo, the petition of sundry ancient inhabitants of the Illinois country, have leave to report thereon by bill or bills, or otherwise.

Mr. Harrison, from the committee last mentioned, made a report ; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Harrison, from the same committee, also presented, according to order, a bill in addition to the act, entitled "An act for granting land to the inhabitants and settlers at Vincennes and the Illinois country, in the territory Northwest of the Ohio, and for confirming them in their possessions ;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The report made, yesterday, from the committee to whom was referred, on the seventh ultimo, the memorial of Matthew Patterson and others, was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means have leave to prepare and report a bill or bills for authorizing the Commissioners under the "act to provide for the valuation of lands or dwelling houses, and the enumeration of slaves within the United States," in those States whereof the valuations have not yet been completed and returned, to revise, vary, and adjust, the valuations of unseated lands in the several assessment districts and sub-divisions, within their respective States ; so as that the relative valuations of different tracts of such lands in the same sub-divisions, be not varied or affected.

And, also, for enabling the surveyors of the revenue under the said act to add to the lists of valuation within their districts, respectively, all such lands or dwelling houses, therein as shall from time to time appear to have been omitted by the assessors or otherwise, in receiving, making, or returning such lists.

And, also, for authorizing the said surveyors to erase from the said lists, all lands and dwelling houses wherefrom the persons interested in the said lists, respectively, shall have been ejected in due course of law, or upon the title whereto there shall have been a decision, in due course of law, against such person.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to authorize the President of the United States to accept for the United States a cession of jurisdiction of the territory West of Pennsylvania, commonly called the Western Reserve of Connecticut ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate agree to the conference proposed by this House on the subject-matter of the amendments depending between the two Houses to the bill,

entitled "An act to establish a general stamp-office," and have appointed managers at the same, on their part. The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to alter the form of certain oaths and affirmations directed to be taken by the act, entitled 'An act providing for the second census, or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States.'" And then he withdrew.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Shaw, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the fifth instant, approve and sign two acts, which originated in this House: one entitled "An act to allow a drawback of duties on goods exported to New Orleans, and therein to amend the act, entitled 'An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage,'" and the other entitled, "An act to discharge Robert Sturgeon from his imprisonment."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Harper, from the Committee of Ways and Means, presented, according to order, a bill to provide for equalizing the valuations of unseated lands; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 1800.

A memorial of William West and others, citizens of Philadelphia, was presented to the House and read, complaining of the negligent manner in which the duties belonging to the office of Measurer of the port of Philadelphia are performed, and praying the interference of Congress in the premises.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the eighth of January last, the petition of William Nichols, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Nicholas, from the committee appointed, on the second instant, to inquire into the expediency of making further provision for the relief of the widow and orphan children of the late Colonel John Harding, and for the orphan daughter of the late Major Alexander Trueman, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Nicholas, from the same committee, presented, according to order, a bill to make further provision for the orphan children of Colonel John Harding and Major Alexander Trueman, deceased; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to the Committee of the Whole House last mentioned.

Mr. Marshall, from the committee to whom was referred, on the thirteenth ultimo, the petition of William Tazewell, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to authorize the President of the United States to accept, for the United States, a cession of jurisdiction of the Territory West of Pennsylvania, commonly called the Western Reserve of Connecticut; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill and amendments be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to alter and to establish sundry post roads," with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill to extend the privilege of obtaining patents for useful discoveries and inventions to certain persons therein mentioned, and to enlarge and define the penalties for violating the rights of patentees, with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said amendments; and the same being read,

Ordered, That the said bill and amendments be referred to Mr. Harper, Mr. Kittera, and Mr. Bird.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to alter and to establish sundry post roads;" and the same being read,

Ordered, That the said bill and amendments be referred to Mr. Thatcher, Mr. Woods, and Mr. Claiborne.

Mr. Harper, from the Committee of Ways and Means, presented a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, enclosing a copy of a letter to him from the Commissioners of valuation of houses and lands in the State of New York; which were read, and ordered to be committed to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the bill to provide for equalizing the valuations of unseated lands.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 1800.

A memorial of sundry citizens and inhabitants of the town and county of Newcastle, [in the State of Delaware] was presented to the House and read, praying that the town of Dover, in the said State, may be chosen as the most suitable and convenient place for holding the Courts of the United States within that district.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the bill to provide for the more convenient organization of the Courts of the United States.

A petition of Andrew Montgomery was presented to the House and read, praying, for certain reasons therein expressed, that he may be admitted to the rights and privileges of a citizen of the United States of America.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Waln, Mr. Edmond, and Mr. Nott; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereon, to the House.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the eighth instant, the petition of Marmaduke Mayples, made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his said petition.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the same committee, to whom was referred, on the twenty-seventh of February last, the petition of Samuel Trigg, made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his said petition.

Mr. Harper, from the Committee of Ways and Means, presented, according to order, a bill to enlarge the powers of Surveyors of the Revenue; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Griswold, from the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business, presented, according to order, a bill for continuing in force, for a limited time, an act, entitled "An act to prescribe the mode of taking evidence in cases of contested elections for Members of the House of Representatives of the United States, and to compel the attendance of witnesses;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making appropriations for the support of Government, for the year one thousand eight hundred; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill and amendments be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to make appropriations for the Navy of the United States, during the year one thousand eight hundred; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill and amendments be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to authorize the sale and conveyance of lands, in certain cases, by the Marshals of the United States, and to confirm former sales; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill and amendments be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the twentieth of February last, the petition of John Pitchlym, by Anthony Foster, his attorney, be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to continue in force the act in addition to the act for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to incorporate a company by the name and style of "The Mine and Metal Company;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 1800.

Ordered, That Mr. Christie have leave to be absent from the service of this House for ten days, from Monday next.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a statement exhibiting the tonnage of the shipping of the United States at the close of the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the tenth of January last, the petition of Nathaniel Barney, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to incorporate a company by the name and style of "The Mine and Metal Company;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a further progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to provide for certain repairs and additions to the light-house at New London; for the support of the light-house at Clark's Point; and for the erection and support of a light-house at Wigwam Point; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

The said bill was then further amended at the Clerk's table, and, together with the amendments, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act authorizing Seth Harding to locate certain lands in the Territory of the United States Northwest of the river Ohio ;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Ordered, That the said bill be referred to the committee who were instructed, on the twenty-fifth of February last, to prepare and report a bill appropriating a tract of land sufficient to satisfy the claims of the Nova Scotia and Canada refugees, and designating the mode in which their respective bounties in land shall be located.

Mr. Wadsworth, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined two enrolled bills, to wit : one entitled "An act to continue in force an act concerning certain fisheries of the United States, and for the regulation and government of the fishermen employed therein, and for other purposes, as therein mentioned ;" and another entitled "An act to alter the form of certain oaths and affirmations directed to be taken by the act, entitled 'An act providing for the second census or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States ;'" and had found the same to be truly enrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Claims, instructed, on the thirteenth of January last, to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations ought to be made in the law passed the twelfth of June, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, entitled "An act respecting loan office and final settlement certificates, indents of interest, and the unfunded or registered debt credited in the books of the Treasury ;" to which Committee of the Whole House, was also referred the report of the Committee of Claims, of the thirty-first ultimo, on the petitions of Henry and Sarah Waters, and of Rufus Ames ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and directed him to report two resolutions thereupon ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House, as follows :

Resolved, That no alterations ought to be made in the law passed on the twelfth day of June, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, entitled "An act respecting loan office and final settlement certificates, indents of interest, and the unfunded or registered debt credited in the books of the Treasury."

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitions of Henry and Sarah Waters, and of Rufus Ames, cannot be granted.

Mr. Wadsworth, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, two enrolled bills : one entitled "An act to continue in force 'An act concerning certain fisheries of the United States, and for the regulation and government of the fishermen employed therein,' and for other purposes, as therein mentioned ;" and the other entitled "An act to alter the form of certain oaths and affirmations directed to be taken by the act, entitled 'An act providing for the second census or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States.'"

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, APRIL 14, 1800.

An engrossed bill to make appropriations for the Navy of the United States, during the year one thousand eight hundred, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to make appropriations for the Navy of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill to continue in force, for a limited time, an act, entitled "An act to prescribe the mode of taking evidence in cases of contested elections for members of the House of Representatives of the United States, and to compel the attendance of witnesses," was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to continue in

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas.....48,
{ Nays.....46.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston,
Theodorus Bailey,
Phanuel Bishop,
Robert Brown,
Samuel J. Cabell,
Gabriel Christie,
Matthew Clay,
William C. C. Claiborne,
John Davenport,
Thomas T. Davis,
John Dawson,
George Dent,
Joseph Eggleston,
Lucas Elnendorf,
Dwight Foster,
John Fowler,
Jonathan Freeman,
Albert Gallatin,
Edwin Gray,
Andrew Gregg,
Thomas Hartley,
David Holmes,
George Jackson,
James Jones,

Aaron Kitchell,
Michael Leib,
Matthew Lyon,
James Linn,
Nathaniel Macon,
Peter Muhlenberg,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
Joseph H. Nicholson,
John Randolph,
William Shepard,
John Smilie,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Dobbs Spaight,
Richard Stanford,
David Stone,
Thomas Sumter,
Benjamin Taliaferro,
John Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
Joseph B. Varnum, and
Robert Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

George Baer,
Bailey Bartlett,
James A. Bayard,
Jonathan Brace,
John Brown,
Christopher G. Champlin,
William Cooper,
Samuel W. Dana,
Franklin Davenport,
John Dennis,
Joseph Dickson,
William Edmond,
Thomas Evans,
Abiel Foster,
Henry Glen,
Chauncey Goodrich,
Elizur Goodrich,
Roger Griswold,
William Barry Grove,
Robert Goodloe Harper,
Archibald Henderson,
William H. Hill,
Benjamin Huger,

James H. Inlay,
Henry Lee,
Silas Lee,
Samuel Lyman,
John Marshall,
Lewis R. Morris,
Abraham Nott,
Robert Page,
Josiah Parker,
Thomas Pinckney,
Jonas Platt,
Levin Powell,
John Reed,
John Rutledge, jun.
Samuel Sewall,
James Sheafe,
George Thatcher,
John Chew Thomas,
Richard Thomas,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Robert Waln,
Lemuel Williams, and
Henry Woods.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Shaw, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the twelfth instant, approve and sign two acts, which originated in this House: one entitled "An act to continue in force an act concerning certain fisheries of the United States, and for the regulation and government of the fishermen employed therein, and for other purposes, as therein mentioned;" and the other entitled "An act to alter the form of certain oaths and affirmations directed to be taken by the act, entitled 'An act providing for the second census or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States.'"

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the first resolution reported by the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business, on the first instant, relative to the laying an additional duty upon salt imported into the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker re-

The said resolution being then read at the Clerk's table, in the words following to wit :

The question was taken that the House do agree with the Committee of the Whole House in their agreement to the said resolution,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Benjamin Huger,
James H. Inlay,
Aaron Kitchell,
Silas Lee,
Samuel Lyman,
James Linn,
Lewis R. Morris,
Abraham Nott,
Robert Page,
Josiah Parker,
Thomas Pinckney,
Jonas Platt,
Leven Powell,
John Reed,
John Rutledge, jun.
Samuel Scwall,
James Sheafe,
William Shepard,
John Smith,
Richard Dobbs Spaight,
George Thatcher,
John Chew Thomas,
Richard Thomas,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Robert Waln, and
Lemuel Williams.

James Jones,
Matthew Lyon,
Nathaniel Macon,
Peter Muhlenberg,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
Joseph H. Nicholson,
John Randolph,
John Smilie,
Richard Stanford,
David Stone,
Thomas Sumter,
Benjamin Taliaferro,
John Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Robert Williams, and
Henry Woods.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the resolution respecting the copper mines on the South side of the Lake Superior. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Claims, made the eighth of January last, on the petition of Stephen Sayre ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as follows :

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of the said Stephen Sayre ought not to be granted, and that he have leave to withdraw his said petition.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 1800.

A petition of Carter Page was presented to the House and read, praying that a patent may issue to him for certain lands granted by the State of Virginia, for military services rendered by the petitioner during the late war ; which lands have been improperly located and surveyed on land ceded by the State of Virginia to the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the twenty-fifth of February last, the report of the Committee of Claims on the several petitions of Temple Elliot, of William Boyce, and of Simon Sommers.

Mr. Thatcher, from the committee to whom was referred the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to alter and to establish sundry post roads," made a report ; which was read and considered : Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the amendments of the Senate to the said bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill in addition to the act, entitled, "An act to prohibit the carrying on the slave trade from the United States to any foreign place or country ;" which was received and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate insist on their amendments, disagreed to by this House, to the bill, entitled "An act to establish a General Stamp Office," in the fifth line of the sixth section thereof. The Senate also insist on their amendments disagreed to by this House, in the second and fourth lines of the seventh section ; and do recede from their amendment in the ninth line of the sixth section of the said bill. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Harper, from the managers appointed on the part of this House, to confer with the managers appointed on the part of the Senate, on the subject-matter of the amendments depending between the two Houses to the bill, entitled "An act to establish a General Stamp Office ;" made a report ; which was read and considered : Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth recede from their disagreement to the amendments insisted on by the Senate to the said bill ; and doth agree to the same, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Griswold, from the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business, presented, according to order, a bill to continue in force "An act laying an additional duty on salt imported into the United States, and for other purposes ;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the regulation of public arsenals and magazines ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under considera-

tion, and made several amendments thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

The said bill was then further amended at the Clerk's table, and, together with the amendments, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled " An act supplementary to the act to regulate trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes, and to preserve peace on the frontiers," with several amendments ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate have passed the bill, entitled " An act to continue in force the act, entitled ' An act to authorize the defence of the merchant vessels of the United States against French depredations,' with an amendment ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate have passed a bill, entitled " An act permitting the exportation of certain parcels of gunpowder, muskets, and cutlasses ;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Claims, made the twenty-fifth of February last, on the several petitions of Temple Elliot, of William Boyce, and of Simon Sommers ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 1800.

An engrossed bill for the regulation of public arsenals and magazines was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, " An act for the regulation of public arsenals and magazines."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Wadsworth, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined two enrolled bills, to wit : one entitled " An act for the relief of the corporation of Rhode Island College ;" and the other entitled " An act to extend the privilege of obtaining patents for useful discoveries and inventions to certain persons therein mentioned, and to enlarge and define the penalties for violating the rights of patentees ;" also, an enrolled resolution respecting the copper mines on the South side of Lake Superior ; and had found the same to be truly enrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills and resolution.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the eighteenth of February last, the petition of Thomas Johnson, made a report ; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Committee to whom were referred sundry petitions of persons residing on lands in the Northwestern Territory, between the Great and Little Miami Rivers, purchased from John Cleves Symmes, have leave to report by bill or bills, or otherwise.

Mr. Brace, from the committee last mentioned, made a report ; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Brace, from the said committee, presented, according to order, a bill to provide for the disposition of the lands between the Great and Little Miami rivers ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Alexander Spotswood, referred to them on the twenty-eighth of February last, and that the same be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the twenty-fifth of February last, the report of the Committee of Claims on the several petitions of Temple Elliot, of William Boyce, and of Simon Sommers.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Claims, made the twenty-fifth of February last, on the several petitions of Temple Elliot, of William Boyce, and

of Simon Sommers ; to which Committee of the Whole House was also referred the report of the Committee of Claims on the memorial of David Jones and William Rogers ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said reports under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their disagreement to the report of the Committee of Claims on the several petitions of Temple Elliot, of William Boyce, and of Simon Sommers ; and their agreement to the report on the memorial of David Jones and William Rogers.

The said report on the several petitions of Temple Elliot, of William Boyce, and of Simon Sommers, being then read in the words following, to wit :

“ That the several petitioners seek for grants of land from the United States, in consideration of services performed in the Army of the United States, in the Virginia line, during the Revolutionary war. A report on the said petition of Temple Elliot, was made upon the second of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, and is herewith submitted. The committee are of opinion it would be proper for the House to agree to the said report.

“ The petitions of Mr. Boyce and Mr. Sommers are grounded on the same principles with those of Mr. Elliot, and the committee report that the same decision which shall be made on the petition of Mr. Elliot, should be applied to the others.

“ The Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Temple Elliot, heir of Thomas Elliot, late Colonel in the Army of the United States, report : That the petitioner states, that the said Thomas Elliot was a Colonel in the Virginia line of Continental troops, during the late war, and was induced to retire from service on account of the ill state of his health, at a period when he was not entitled to the bounty in lands engaged by law to certain officers and soldiers of the Continental Army. That, in consequence of his meritorious services, however, the State of Virginia, by a special resolve, on the sixteenth day of June, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-four, granted him a Colonel's bounty in lands, which lands the petitioner has, at considerable expense, had surveyed, platted, and located, in the tract reserved from the cession made by the State of Virginia to the United States, for the purpose of satisfying the grants of land made by said State to officers and soldiers of the Virginia line on Continental establishment, but that he cannot obtain patents for the same from the President of the United States, without the special interposition of Congress.

“ The committee find that, in the act of session which passed in the State of Virginia, on the twentieth of October, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three, and which was accepted by Congress on the first day of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-four, there is the following clause :

“ ‘ That in case the quantity of good land on the Southeast side of the Ohio, upon the waters of Cumberland River, and between the Green River and Tennessee River, which have been reserved by law for the Virginia troops upon Continental establishment, should, from the North Carolina line bearing in further upon the Cumberland lands than was expected, prove insufficient for the legal bounties, the deficiency should be made up to the said troops in good lands to be laid off between the rivers Scioto and Little Miami, on the Northwest side of the river Ohio, in such proportion as has been engaged to them by the laws of Virginia.’

“ As it then appears by Mr. Elliot's statement, that the deceased Colonel Elliot was not within the provision contemplated by the act of cession, and the cession was in fact made to, and accepted by, Congress before any grant of lands was made to Colonel Elliot ; the committee are of opinion that the petitioner has no legal or equitable claim to have the said grant of lands, made by the State of Virginia, satisfied out of lands of the United States ; and, therefore, they recommend that he have leave to withdraw his petition.”

The question was taken that the House do agree with the Committee of the Whole House in their disagreement to said report,

And resolved in the affirmative.

The report of the Committee of Claims on the memorial of David Jones and William Rogers, being then read, in the words following, to wit :

“ That they represent that they ‘ had the honor of serving the United States in the capacity of Brigade Chaplains, in the Pennsylvania line, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain ; and that, as public servants, they think themselves entitled to all the favors and emoluments conferred on the other parts of the Army ;’ that, finding they were not entitled by the former resolution of Congress to military bounty lands, and apprehending the omission was not intentional, they now, in their own behalf, and

that of their absent brethren, solicit Congress to grant to the late Chaplains such quantities of land as they may be thought to merit.

"It is understood that the Chaplains regularly appointed to the several brigades of the late Continental Army, and who served till the close of the war, were entitled to, and did receive, the same pay and emoluments as were granted and paid to Lieutenant Colonels in the line of the Army, the right to military bounty lands only excepted.

"When the grants of land were promised by Congress to such officers and soldiers as should engage and actually serve in the Army till the close of the war, it does not appear that it was thought proper or expedient to extend the promise of such grants to the Chaplains, nor does it appear whether the question was or was not agitated. It is presumable that Congress then supposed the encouragement offered to gentlemen to serve in that capacity was sufficient. The committee are of opinion, at this late day, it would not be expedient or advisable to go into a consideration of the subject; and therefore recommend that the petitioners should have leave to withdraw their petition."

The question was taken that the House do agree with the Committee of the Whole House in their agreement to the said report,

And resolved in the affirmative.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to prepare and report a bill authorizing the President of the United States to grant patents for the lands due to certain officers for their military services in the Continental Army, during the Revolutionary war; which, by resolutions of the Legislature of Virginia, were granted to them, and which have hitherto been withheld from them in consequence of the act of cession made by the said State to the United States.

Ordered, That Mr. Marshall, Mr. New, and Mr. Henry Lee, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to continue in force the act, entitled 'An act to authorize the defence of the merchant vessels of the United States against French depredations:'" Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act to regulate trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes, and to preserve peace on the frontiers:." Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act permitting the exportation of certain parcels of gunpowder, muskets, and cutlasses," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act prescribing the mode of deciding disputed elections of President and Vice President of the United States;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making appropriations for the Military establishment of the United States, in the year one thousand eight hundred; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, together with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate agree to the amendments proposed by this House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to establish a General Stamp Office." And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of

the Whole House on the bill supplementary to the laws now in force fixing the compensations of the officers of the Senate and House of Representatives; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Harper reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill and amendments be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Clerk of this House be directed to procure, for the use of the House, twelve volumes of Herty's Digest of the Laws of the United States, printed at Baltimore.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to prepare and report a system of rules and regulations respecting the Territory of Columbia.

Ordered, That Mr. Henry Lee, Mr. Craik, Mr. Evans, Mr. Dennis, and Mr. Marshall, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom was referred the petition of William Tazewell; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their agreement to the resolution contained therein.

The said resolution being then read at the Clerk's table, in the words following, to wit:

Resolved, That, in settling the accounts of William Tazewell, Secretary of Elbridge Gerry, Esquire, one of the late Envoys of the United States of America to the French Republic, the Secretary of State be authorized to allow the expenses incurred by him in consequence of his being captured on his return to his country:

The question was taken that the House do agree with the Committee of the Whole House in their agreement to the said resolution,

And resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution; and that Mr. Marshall, Mr. Gordon, and Mr. Pinckney, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented, according to order, a bill to establish the District of Kennebunk, and to annex Lyme to New London; to alter the District of Bermuda Hundred and City Point; and further to amend the act regulating the collection of duties on imports and tonnage; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 1800.

An engrossed bill making appropriations for the Military establishment of the United States, in the year one thousand eight hundred, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act making appropriations for the Military establishment of the United States, in the year one thousand eight hundred."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill supplementary to the laws now in force fixing the compensations of the officers of the Senate and House of Representatives was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act supplementary to the laws now in force fixing the compensations of the officers of the Senate and House of Representatives."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act prescribing the mode of deciding disputed elections of President and Vice President of the United

States ;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a further progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the third of February last, the petition of Benjamin Kendrick, made a report ; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act supplemental to the act, entitled 'An act for an amicable settlement of limits with the State of Georgia, and authorizing the establishment of a Government in the Mississippi Territory,'" with several amendments ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said amendments were read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. Rutledge, Mr. Jones, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Bayard, and Mr. Bird.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Shaw, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, yesterday, approve and sign an act, which originated in this House, entitled "An act for the relief of the Corporation of Rhode Island College ;" and a resolution respecting the copper mines on the South side of Lake Superior ; and, also, that the President did, this day, approve and sign an act, which originated in this House, entitled "An act to extend the privilege of obtaining patents for useful discoveries and inventions to certain persons therein mentioned, and to enlarge and define the penalties for violating the rights of patentees."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to continue in force, for a limited time, an act, entitled 'An act to prescribe the mode of taking evidence in cases of contested elections for members of the House of Representatives of the United States, and to compel the attendance of witnesses.'" The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act for the better government of the Navy of the United States," with several amendments ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to fix the compensation of the Paymaster General, and Assistant to the Adjutant General," with an amendment ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate have also passed the bill, entitled "An act to make further provision for the removal and accommodation of the Government of the United States," with several amendments ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 1800.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Treasurer of the United States, accompanying his account of the receipts and expenditures of public moneys, from the first of October to the thirty-first of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine ; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the nineteenth ultimo, the petition of Oliver Pollock, made a report ; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Marshall, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to authorize the allowance of a credit to William Tazewell ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Marshall, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to authorize the issuing certain patents ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for the better government of the Navy of the United States :"
Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate agree to the resolution proposed by this House, fixing the time for an adjournment of Congress, with an amendment ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said amendment : Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to continue in force an act laying an additional duty on salt imported into the United States, and for other purposes ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

A motion was then made and seconded to amend the said bill, by striking out, from the sixth line of the first section thereof, the word "ten," and to insert, in lieu thereof, the word "two :"

And, the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 44,
 { Nays 50.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston,
Phanuel Bishop,
Robert Brown,
Samuel J. Cabell,
Matthew Clay,
William Charles Cole Claiborne,
John Condit,
John Dawson,
Joseph Dickson,
Joseph Eggleston,
Lucas Elmendorf,
John Fowler,
Albert Gallatin,
Edwin Gray,
Andrew Gregg,
John A. Hanna,
Thomas Hartley,
Joseph Heister,
Archibald Henderson,
David Holmes,
George Jackson,
James Jones,

Michael Leib,
Matthew Lyon,
James Linn,
Nathaniel Macon,
Peter Muhlenberg,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
Joseph H. Nicholson,
Abraham Nott,
John Randolph,
John Smith,
John Smilie,
Richard Stanford,
David Stone,
Thomas Sumter,
Benjamin Taliaferro,
John Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Robert Williams, and
Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

George Baer,
Theodorus Bailey,
Bailey Bartlett,
James A. Bayard,
John Bird,
Jonathan Brace,
John Brown,
Christopher G. Champlin,
William Cooper,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
Franklin Davenport,
John Dennis,
George Dent,
William Edmond,
Thomas Evans,

Abiel Foster,
Dwight Foster,
Henry Glen,
Chauncey Goodrich,
Elizur Goodrich,
William Gordon,
Roger Griswold,
Robert Goodloe Harper,
William H. Hill,
Benjamin Huger,
James H. Imlay,
Aaron Kitchell,
Henry Lee,
Silas Lee,
Samuel Lyman,
John Marshall,

Lewis R. Morris,
Robert Page,
Josiah Parker,
Thomas Pinckney,
Jonas Platt,
Leven Powell,
John Reed,
John Rutledge, jun.
Samuel Sewall,

William Shepard,
Samuel Smith,
George Thatcher,
John Chew Thomas,
Richard Thomas,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Robert Waln, and
Lemuel Williams.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act fixing the rank and pay of the commanding officer of the corps of Marines," with an amendment; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said amendment: Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A motion being made and seconded that the order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act prescribing the mode of deciding disputed elections of President and Vice President of the United States," be postponed until the first Monday in December next:

The question was taken that the House do agree to the same,

And passed in the negative, { Yeas 48,
 { Nays 52.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Willis Alston,
Theodorus Bailey,
Phanuel Bishop,
Robert Brown,
Samuel J. Cabell,
Gabriel Christie,
Matthew Clay,
William Charles Cole Claiborne,
John Condit,
Thomas T. Davis,
John Dawson,
George Dent,
Joseph Eggleston,
Lucas Elmendorf,
John Fowler,
Albert Gallatin,
Edwin Gray,
Andrew Gregg,
John A. Hanna,
Thomas Hartley,
Joseph Heister,
Archibald Henderson,
David Holmes,
George Jackson,

James Jones,
Aaron Kitchell,
Michael Leib,
Matthew Lyon,
Nathaniel Macon,
Peter Muhlenberg,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
Joseph H. Nicholson,
John Randolph,
John Smilie,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Dobbs Spaight,
Richard Stanford,
David Stone,
Thomas Sumter,
Benjamin Taliaferro,
John Thomson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Joseph B. Varnum, and
Robert Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

George Baer,
Bailey Bartlett,
James A. Bayard,
John Bird,
Jonathan Brace,
John Brown,
Christopher G. Champlin,
William Cooper,
Samuel W. Dana,
Franklin Davenport,

John Davenport,
John Dennis,
Joseph Dickson,
William Edmond,
Thomas Evans,
Abiel Foster,
Dwight Foster,
Jonathan Freeman,
Henry Glen,
Chauncey Goodrich,

Elizur Goodrich,
 William Gordon,
 Roger Griswold,
 William Barry Grove,
 Robert Goodloe Harper,
 William H. Hill,
 Benjamin Huger,
 James H. Imlay,
 Henry Lee,
 Silas Lee,
 Samuel Lyman,
 James Linn,
 John Marshall,
 Lewis R. Morris,
 Abraham Nott,
 Robert Page,

Josiah Parker,
 Thomas Pinckney,
 Jonas Platt,
 Leven Powell,
 John Reed,
 John Rutledge, jun.
 Samuel Sewall,
 James Sheafe,
 William Shepard,
 George Thatcher,
 John Chew Thomas,
 Richard Thomas,
 Peleg Wadsworth,
 Robert Waln,
 Lemuel Williams, and
 Henry Woods.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act making further provision for the removal and accommodation of the Government of the United States," with several amendments ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said amendments were read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. Dennis, Mr. Evans, and Mr. Powell.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to fix the compensation of the Paymaster General and assistant to the Adjutant General :—" Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning ten o'clock.

MONDAY, APRIL 21, 1800.

An engrossed bill to continue in force an act laying an additional duty on salt imported into the United States, and for other purposes, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to continue in force an act laying an additional duty on salt imported into the United States, and for other purposes."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of sundry inhabitants of the district of Edenton, in the State of North Carolina, was presented to the House and read, praying that a post road may be established from Northwest river bridge, by Indian town, to Elizabeth city, in the said State, instead of the present route.

Ordered, That the consideration of the said petition be postponed until the next Session.

A petition of Hugh White and Richard Martin, of the county of Lycoming, was presented to the House and read, stating that, by unavoidable accidents, they have been prevented from completing, within the limited time, a contract to supply, for the use of the Navy, certain pieces of timber for masts ; and praying that the United States may receive, at the stipulated rates, such of the said pieces of timber as have been procured by them in pursuance of the said contract ; or so many thereof as shall amount to the sums already advanced to the petitioners.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the second instant, the petition of Benjamin Wells, and the counter petition of sundry inhabitants of Fayette county, with the report of the Secretary of the Treasury thereon, made a report ; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Parker, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill authorizing the purchase of timber for Naval purposes ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Parker, from the same committee, presented, according to order, a bill for the appointment of Admirals for the Navy ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

A motion was then made and seconded that the said bill be made the order of the day for the first Monday in December next ;

And, the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 44,
 { Nays 45.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston,
Theodorus Bailey,
Phanuel Bishop,
Robert Brown,
Samuel J. Cabell,
Matthew Clay,
William Charles Cole Claiborne,
John Condit,
Thomas T. Davis,
John Dawson,
Joseph Eggleston,
Lucas Elmendorf,
John Fowler,
Albert Gallatin,
Andrew Gregg,
William Barry Grove,
John A. Hanna,
Joseph Heister,
David Holmes,
George Jackson,
James Jones,
Michael Leib,

Matthew Lyon,
James Linn,
Nathaniel Macon,
Peter Muhlenberg,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
Joseph H. Nicholson,
Abraham Nott,
John Randolph,
John Snulie,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Dobbs Spaight,
Richard Stanford,
David Stone,
Thomas Sumter,
Benjamin Taliaferro,
John Thompson,
Abraham Trigg,
John Trigg,
Joseph B. Varnum, and
Robert Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

George Baer,
Bailey Bartlett,
James A. Bayard,
Jonathan Brace,
John Brown,
Christopher G. Champlin,
William Cooper,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
Franklin Davenport,
John Dennis,
George Dent,
Joseph Dickson,
William Edmond,
Thomas Evans,
Abiel Foster,
Dwight Foster,
Jonathan Freeman,
Henry Glen,
Chauncey Goodrich,
Elizur Goodrich,
Roger Griswold,
Robert Goodloe Harper,

Benjamin Huger,
James H. Imlay,
Henry Lee,
Silas Lee,
Samuel Lyman,
Lewis R. Morris,
Robert Page,
Josiah Parker,
Thomas Pinckney,
Jonas Platt,
Leven Powell,
John Reed,
John Rutledge, jr.
Samuel Sewall,
James Sheafe,
William Shepard,
George Thatcher,
John Chew Thomas,
Richard Thomas,
Robert Waln,
Lemuel Williams, and
Henry Woods.

A motion was then made and seconded that the said bill be made the order of the day for to-morrow,

And resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Rutledge, from the committee to whom were referred the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act supplemental to the act, entitled 'An act for an amicable settlement of limits with the State of Georgia, and authorizing the establishment of a Government in the Mississippi Territory,'" made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Wadsworth, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined the following enrolled bills, to wit: one entitled "An act to continue in force, for a limited time, an act, entitled 'An act to prescribe the mode of taking evidence in cases of contested elections for members of the House of Representatives of the United States, and to compel the attendance of witnesses,'" another entitled "An act to alter and to establish sundry post roads;" another entitled "An act supplementary to the act to regulate trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes, and to preserve peace on the frontiers;" another entitled "An act to continue in force the act, entitled 'An act to authorize the defence of the merchant vessels of the United States against French depredations,'" another entitled "An act to establish a general stamp office;" another entitled "An act to fix the compensation of the Paymaster General, and assistant to the Adjutant General;" another entitled "An act for the better government of the Navy of the United States;" and another entitled "An act fixing the rank and pay of the Commanding Officer of the Corps of Marines;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to provide for the rebuilding the light-house at New London; for the erection and support of a light-house at Clark's Point; for the erection and support of a light-house at Wignam Point, and for other purposes." The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act in addition to the act, entitled 'An act to prohibit the carrying on the slave trade from the United States to any foreign place or country,'" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said last mentioned bill was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the bill which originated in this House, entitled "An act in addition to the act, entitled 'An act to prohibit the carrying on the slave trade from the United States to any foreign place or country.'"

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act prescribing the mode of deciding disputed elections of President and Vice President of the United States," be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that the said bill be re-committed to Mr. Marshall, Mr. Sewall, Mr. Chauncey Goodrich, Mr. Harper, Mr. Nicholas, Mr. Dennis, and Mr. Bayard.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act respecting the Mint." The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to repeal the act laying duties on mills and implements employed in the manufacture of snuff." The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to continue in force the act in addition to the act for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States." The Senate have also passed the bill, entitled "An act to divide the Territory Northwest of the Ohio into two separate Governments," with an amendment; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to establish the District of Kennebunk, and to annex Lyme to New London, and to alter the District of Bermuda Hundred and City Point, and therein to amend the act, entitled "An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to incorporate a company by the name and style of "The Mine and Metal Company;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Claims, of the sixteenth instant, on the petition of Thomas Johnson; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the proper accounting officers be, and they are hereby, authorized to settle the accounts of the militia who served on an expedition commanded by Major Thomas Johnson, against the Creek or Cherokee Indians, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, and that the same be paid out of any moneys in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution; and that the Committee of Claims do prepare and bring in the same.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, APRIL 22. 1800.

An engrossed bill to incorporate a company by the name and style of "The Mine and Metal Company," was read the third time;

And, on the question that the same do pass,

It passed in the negative.

On motion,

Ordered, That the bill to establish the District of Kennebunk, and to annex Lyme to New London, and to alter the District of Bermuda Hundred and City Point, and therein to amend the act, entitled "An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage," be re-committed to a Committee of the Whole House immediately.

The House, accordingly, resolved itself into the said committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made one amendment thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendment, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

A petition of Savage Stilwell was presented to the House and read, praying that he may receive, as attorney for John Addison, the moneys due to the said Addison for services performed and advances made by him to the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petitions of Benjamin Bird, Emory Sudler, jun. and wife, Alexander Roxburgh, Griffith Jones, David Jones, Thomas Leiper, and Philip Bush; and the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Samuel Lapsley, deceased;" made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

Mr. Dennis, from the committee to whom were referred the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to make further provision for the removal and accommodation of the Government of the United States," made a report; which was read, and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the amendments of the Senate to the said bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Wadsworth, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the com-

mittee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, the following enrolled bills, to wit: one entitled "An act to continue in force for a limited time, an act, entitled 'An act to prescribe the mode of taking evidence in cases of contested elections for members of the House of Representatives of the United States, and to compel the attendance of witnesses;'" another entitled "An act to alter and to establish sundry post roads;" another entitled "An act supplementary to the act to regulate trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes, and to preserve peace on the frontiers;" another entitled "An act to continue in force the act, entitled 'An act to authorize the defence of the merchant vessels of the United States against French depredations;'" another entitled "An act to establish a general stamp office;" another entitled "An act to fix the compensation of the Paymaster General and assistant to the Adjutant General;" another entitled "An act for the better government of the Navy of the United States;" and another entitled "An act fixing the rank and pay of the Commanding Officer of the Corps of Marines."

Mr. Claiborne, from the committee appointed, on the tenth of February, to inquire into the operation of the acts making provision for the establishment of trading houses with the Indian tribes, and into the expediency of reviving and continuing the said acts in force, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Wadsworth, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined the following enrolled bills, to wit: one entitled "An act to continue in force the act in addition to the act for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States;" another entitled "An act to provide for rebuilding the light-house at New London; for the support of a light-house at Clark's Point; for the erection and support of a light-house at Wigwam Point, and for other purposes;" another entitled "An act to repeal the act laying duties on mills and implements employed in the manufacture of snuff;" and another entitled "An act respecting the Mint;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to divide the Territory of the United States Northwest of the Ohio into two separate Governments," were read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. Chauncey Goodrich, Mr. Dwight Foster, Mr. Rutledge, Mr. Parker, and Mr. Marshall.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to equalize the valuations of unseated lands; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to enlarge and define the powers of the surveyors of the revenue; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom were referred the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act supplemental to the act, entitled 'An act for an amicable settlement of limits with the State of Georgia, and authorizing the establishment of a Government in the Mississippi Territory;'" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 1800.

An engrossed bill to provide for equalizing the valuations of unseated lands was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to provide for equalizing the valuations of unseated lands."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill to establish the District of Kennebunk, and to annex Lyme to New London, and to alter the District of Bermuda Hundred and City Point, and therein to amend the act, entitled "An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage," was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to establish the District of Kennebunk, and to annex Lyme to New London, and to alter the District of Bermuda Hundred and City Point, and therein to amend the act, entitled "An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, presented, according to order, a bill directing the payment of a detachment of Militia under the command of Major Thomas Johnson, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Wadsworth, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to make further provision for the removal and accommodation of the Government of the United States," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act providing for the sale of the lands of the United States in the territory Northwest of the Ohio, and above the mouth of Kentucky river,' with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said amendments were read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. Harrison, Mr. Brace, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Davis, Mr. Grove, Mr. Lyman, and Mr. Gallatin.

A motion was made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That the next annual meeting of Congress shall commence on the first Monday of November, in the year one thousand eight hundred, at the city of Washington:

And, the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom were referred the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act supplemental to the act, entitled 'An act for an amicable settlement of limits with the State of Georgia, and authorizing the establishment of a Government in the Mississippi Territory;'" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report and amendments under consideration, and made a further progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Shaw, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, yesterday, approve and sign the following acts, which originated in this House, to wit: one entitled "An act fixing the rank and pay of the commanding officer of the Corps of Marines;" another entitled "An act to continue in force the act, entitled 'An act to authorize the defence of the merchant vessels of the United States against French depredations;'" another entitled "An act to fix the compensation of the Paymaster General and assistant to the Adjutant General;" another entitled "An act to continue in force, for a limited time, an act, entitled 'An act to prescribe the mode of taking evidence in cases of contested elections for members of the House of Representatives of the United States, and to compel the attendance of witnesses;'" another entitled "An act supplementary to the act to regulate trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes, and to preserve peace on the frontiers;" and, also, that the President did, this day, approve and sign the following acts, which originated in this House, to wit: "An act to alter and to establish sundry post roads;" another entitled "An act for the better government of the Navy of the United States;" and, another entitled "An act to establish a General Stamp Office."

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to accept, for the United States, a cession of jurisdiction of the Territory West of Pennsylvania, commonly called the Western Reserve of Connecticut," with an amendment ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said amendment : Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 1800.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the twenty-fifth ultimo, the petition of James Mitchell, made a report ; which was read and considered : Whereupon,

Resolved, That the said James Mitchell have leave to withdraw his petition.

Mr. Wadsworth, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, the following enrolled bills, to wit : one entitled "An act to repeal the act laying duties on mills and implements employed in the manufacture of snuff ;" another entitled "An act respecting the Mint ;" another entitled "An act to continue in force the act in addition to the act for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States ;" another entitled "An act to provide for re-building the light-house at New London ; for the support of a light-house at Clark's Point ; for the erection and support of a light-house at Wigwam Point, and for other purposes ;" and another entitled "An act to make further provision for the removal and accommodation of the Government of the United States."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the fourth instant, the petition of Daniel Bradley, made a report ; which was read and considered : Whereupon,

Resolved, That the said Daniel Bradley have leave to withdraw his petition.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill to incorporate a company for the purpose of procuring sheet copper to be manufactured within the United States.

Ordered, That Mr. Samuel Smith, Mr. Marshall, and Mr. Wain, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the laws now in force fixing the compensations of the officers of the Senate and House of Representatives," with several amendments ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Shaw, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign the following acts, which originated in this House, to wit : one entitled "An act to repeal the act laying duties on mills and implements employed in the manufacture of snuff ;" another entitled "An act respecting the Mint ;" another entitled "An act to continue in force the act in addition to the act for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States ;" and another entitled "An act to make further provision for the removal and accommodation of the Government of the United States."

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom were referred the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act supplemental to the act, entitled 'An act for an amicable settlement of limits with the State of Georgia, and authorizing the establishment of a Government in the Mississippi Territory ;' and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report and amendments under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their disagreement to the first amendment, and their agreement to the other amendments of the Senate, with several amendments to the fourth amendment for adding a new section to the said bill ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were read.

The House proceeded to consider the said report at the Clerk's table : Whereupon,

Thomas Hartley,
Joseph Heister,
William H. Hill,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Huger,
George Jackson,
James Jones,
Aaron Kitchell,
Michael Leib,
Matthew Lyon,
James Linn,
Nathaniel Macon,
Peter Muhlenberg,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
Joseph H. Nicholson,
Abraham Nott,
Josiah Parker,
John Randolph,
John Smilie.

John Smith,
Richard Stanford,
David Stone,
Benjamin Taliaferro,
John Thompson,

Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
Joseph B. Varnum, and
Robert Williams.

The first amendment reported from the Committee of the Whole House to the fourth amendment of the Senate, for adding a new section to the said bill, being then read,

And debate arising thereupon,

An adjournment was called for: Whereupon,

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 1800.

The House resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed the report of the committee to whom were referred the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act supplemental to the act, entitled 'An act for an amicable settlement of limits with the State of Georgia, and authorizing the establishment of a Government in the Mississippi Territory;' and the first amendment reported from the Committee of the Whole House, to the fourth amendment of the Senate, for adding a new section to the said bill, being again under consideration, in the words following, to wit:

Strike out from the said new section the words following: "and, also, that the said Commissioners on the part of the United States, or any two of them, after such settlement with the State of Georgia shall be made, be authorized to settle, by compromise, with the parties interested, any claims which are or shall be made by settlers, or any other persons whatsoever, to any parts of the aforesaid lands which may be relinquished by the State of Georgia:

The question was taken that the House do agree to the said amendment of the Committee of the Whole House,

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 46,
 { Nays 34.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston,
Phanuel Bishop,
Robert Brown,
Samuel J. Cabell,
John Condit,
John Dennis,
George Dent,
Joseph Dickson,
Joseph Eggleston,
Lucas Elmendorf,
John Fowler,
Albert Gallatin,
Edwin Gray,
Andrew Gregg,
William Barry Grove,
John A. Hanna,
Joseph Heister,
William H. Hill,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Huger,
George Jackson,
James Jones,
Aaron Kitchell,

Michael Leib,
Matthew Lyon,
James Linn,
Nathaniel Macon,
Peter Muhlenberg,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
Abraham Nott,
Robert Page,
Josiah Parker,
John Randolph,
John Smith,
John Smilie,
Richard Stanford,
David Stone,
Thomas Sumter,
Benjamin Taliaferro,
John Chew Thomas,
Richard Thomas,
John Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg, and
Robert Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

George Baer,
Bailey Bartlett,
James A. Bayard,

John Brown,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,

Franklin Davenport,
 William Edmond,
 Thomas Evans,
 Abiel Foster,
 Dwight Foster,
 Jonathan Freeman,
 Henry Glen,
 Chauncey Goodrich,
 Elizer Goodrich,
 Roger Griswold,
 Robert Goodloe Harper,
 James H. Inlay,
 Henry Lee,
 Silas Lee,

Samuel Lyman,
 John Marshall,
 Lewis R. Morris,
 Thomas Pinckney,
 Leven Powell,
 John Reed,
 John Rutledge, jun.
 James Sheafe,
 William Shepard,
 George Thatcher,
 Peleg Wadsworth,
 Robert Waln,
 Lemuel Williams, and
 Henry Woods.

The second amendment reported from the Committee of the Whole House to the said amendment of the Senate, was, upon the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The third amendment reported from the Committee of the Whole House, to the said amendment of the Senate, was, upon the question put thereupon, disagreed to by the House.

The said amendment of the Senate was then further amended at the Clerk's table, and then the main question being taken, that the House do agree to the said amendment of the Senate, as amended,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Lincoln, in the State of Kentucky, was presented to the House and read, stating that an error has been made in running the Indian line, in pursuance of the treaty of Holston; in consequence of which great inconveniences have arisen to the petitioners; and praying relief in the premises.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying an estimate for an appropriation of moneys for carrying into effect the act respecting quarantines and health laws; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Harrison, from the committee to whom were referred the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act providing for the sale of the lands of the United States Northwest of the Ohio, and above the mouth of Kentucky river,'" made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the last amendment of the Senate, for inserting a new section between the fourteenth and fifteenth; and that they do disagree to all the other amendments of the Senate to the said bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to promote the manufacture of sheet copper within the United States, by the incorporation of a company under the name of "The Passaic Copper Company;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Chauncey Goodrich, from the committee to whom were referred the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to divide the territory of the United States Northwest of the Ohio into two separate Governments," made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth disagree to the amendments of the Senate to the said bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the twenty-fifth ultimo, the petition of John Baptiste Verdier, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. Nicholas and Mr. Lyman be added to the committee appointed, on the fifth of December last, to consider whether it be expedient to make any, and what, provision for the relief of persons imprisoned for debt.

On motion,

Resolved, That Mr. Waln, Mr. Evans, and Mr. Powell, be a committee, jointly, with such committee as may be appointed on the part of the Senate, for the purpose of

making out a catalogue of books, and adopting the best mode of procuring a Library for the use of Congress, at the City of Washington, and for establishing a system of rules and regulations relative thereto.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the laws now in force fixing the compensations of the officers of the Senate and House of Representatives:" Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Wadsworth, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, examine an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to accept, for the United States, a cession of Territory West of Pennsylvania, commonly called the Western Reserve of Connecticut;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying a letter from the Comptroller, transmitting sundry statements, prepared in pursuance of the "Act establishing a Mint, and regulating the coins of the United States;" which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to authorize the issuing certain patents; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to make further provision for the children of Colonel John Harding and Major Alexander Trueman, deceased; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill directing the payment of a detachment of the Militia under the command of Major Thomas Johnson, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Marshall, from the committee to whom was referred the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act prescribing the mode of deciding disputed elections of President and Vice President of the United States," made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to provide for the disposition of the lands between the Great and Little Miami rivers; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

On motion,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed until to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

SATURDAY, APRIL 26. 1800.

An engrossed bill directing the payment of a detachment of the Militia under the command of Major Thomas Johnson, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act directing the payment of a detachment of the Militia under the command of Major Thomas Johnson, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill to authorize the issuing certain patents was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be "An act to authorize the issuing certain patents."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the twenty-eighth of February and twenty-fifth of March last, the respective petitions of Ann Elliot, and of Jane Lynch, made reports thereon; which were respectively read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Ordered, That the bill to make further provision for the children of Colonel John Harding and Major Alexander Trueman, deceased, be committed to the Committee of the Whole House last mentioned.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill to provide for the disposition of the lands between the Great and Little Miami rivers: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

A petition of Nathan Ashbel Stoddard was presented to the House and read, praying that he may receive a warrant for bounty land, as the legal representative of his father, who was killed in the service of the United States, in an action at Mud Fort, during the late war, but whose name was, by mistake, omitted in the return of persons killed in the said action.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented, according to order, a bill supplementary to an act, entitled "An act to establish the compensation of the officers employed in the collection of the duties on imports and tonnage, and for other purposes; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to authorize the allowance of a credit to William Tazewell; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to prohibit the carrying on the slave trade from the United States to any foreign place or country;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, APRIL 28, 1800.

An engrossed bill to authorize the allowance of a credit to William Tazewell was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to authorize the allowance of a credit to William Tazewell"

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill to provide for the disposition of the lands between the Great and Little Miami rivers, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to provide for the sale of certain lands between the Great and Little Miami rivers."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from Robert Morris, Esquire, on the subject of the report, made on Friday last, by the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of John Baptiste Verdier; which was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the said report.

On motion,

Resolved, That the order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee

of the Whole House on the bill more effectually to provide for the national defence, by establishing an uniform militia throughout the United States, be postponed until the first Monday in December next.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the seventeenth ultimo, the petition of Mary Wooster, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the report of the Committee of Claims on the petitions of Ann Elliot and Jane Lynch.

Mr. Wadsworth, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to accept, for the United States, a cession of jurisdiction of the territory West of Pennsylvania, commonly called the Western Reserve of Connecticut."

Mr. Stone, from the committee appointed, on the fifth of December last, to consider whether it be expedient to make any, and, if any, what, provision for the relief of persons imprisoned for debt, to which committee was also referred, on the twenty-seventh of December last, the petition of Lawrence Erb and of Samuel Selby, 3d, made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That provision ought to be made, by law, for the personal discharge from prison of insolvent debtors to the United States.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution; and that Mr. Stone, Mr. Lyman, and Mr. Nicholas, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Wadsworth, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the laws now in force fixing the compensations of the officers of the Senate and House of Representatives," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying an account of the receipts and expenditures of public moneys for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, prepared in pursuance of a resolution of the House, of the thirtieth of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the bill in addition to the act, entitled "An act to prohibit the carrying on the slave trade from the United States to any foreign place or country;" and the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act in addition to the act, entitled 'An act to prohibit the carrying on the slave trade from the United States to any foreign place or country,'" be discharged from the further consideration of the same; and that the said bills be re-committed to Mr. Dwight Foster, Mr. Waln, and Mr. Bayard.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to promote the manufacture of sheet copper within the United States, by the incorporation of a company under the name of "The Passaick Copper Company;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

On a motion made and seconded that the order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a committee of the Whole House on the bill "for establishing a Military Academy, and for better organizing the corps of artillerists and engineers," be postponed until the first Monday in December next:

The question was taken thereupon,

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 64,
 { Nays 23.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston,
George Baer,
Theodorus Bailey,
Bailey Bartlett,
James A. Bayard,
Phanuel Bishop,
Jonathan Brace,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
Samuel J. Cabell,

Matthew Clay,
William Charles Cole Claiborne,
John Condict,
William Cooper,
John Davenport,
Thomas T. Davis,
George Dent,
Joseph Dickson,
Joseph Eggleston,
Lucas Elmendorf,

Dwight Foster,
John Fowler,
Jonathan Freeman,
Albert Gallatin,
Henry Glen,
Chauncey Goodrich,
Elizur Goodrich,
Edwin Gray,
Andrew Gregg,
Roger Griswold,
William Barry Grove,
John A. Hanna,
Robert Goodloe Harper,
Thomas Hartley,
Joseph Heister,
David Holmes,
James Jones,
Aaron Kitchell,
Samuel Lyman,
Matthew Lyon,
James Linn,
Nathaniel Macon,

Peter Muhlenberg,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
Abrabam Nott,
John Randolph,
John Reed,
James Sheafe,
William Shepard,
John Smilie,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
David Stone,
Thomas Sumter,
Benjamin Taliaferro,
Richard Thomas,
John Thompson,
John Trigg,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Robert Williams,
Lemuel Williams, and
Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Christopher G. Champlin,
Samuel W. Dana,
Franklin Davenport,
John Dennis,
William Edmond,
Thomas Evans,
Abiel Foster,
William H. Hill,
Benjamin Huger,
James H. Imlay,
Henry Lee,
John Marshall,

Lewis R. Morris,
Robert Page,
Josiah Parker,
Thomas Pinckney,
Jonas Platt,
Levin Powell,
John Rutledge, junior,
George Thatcher,
John Chew Thomas,
Peleg Wadsworth, and
Robert Wain.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to provide for the execution of the twenty-seventh article of the treaty of amity, commerce, and navigation, made with Great Britain; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made a further progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker: The Senate insist on their amendment disagreed to by this House to the bill, entitled "An act to divide the territory of the United States Northwest of the Ohio into two separate Governments." The Senate request a conference on the subject-matter of the amendments of the Senate, disagreed to by this House, to the bill, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act providing for the sale of the lands of the United States in the territory Northwest of the Ohio, and above the mouth of Kentucky river ;' and have appointed managers at the same on their part. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said message : Whereupon,

Resolved, That a conference be requested with the Senate on the subject-matter of the amendment disagreed to by this House, and insisted upon by the Senate, to the first mentioned bill ; and that Mr. C. Goodrich, Mr. Dwight Foster, and Mr. Rutledge, be appointed managers at the same on the part of this House.

Resolved, That this House do agree to the conference proposed by the Senate on the subject-matter of the amendments to the last mentioned bill disagreed to by this House ; and that Mr. Gallatin, Mr. Brace, and Mr. Harrison, be appointed managers at the same on the part of this House.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have appointed Mr. Dexter, Mr. Bingham, and Mr. Nicholas, a committee on their part, jointly, with the committee appointed on the part of this House, to prepare a catalogue of books for the use of Congress at the City of Washington. And then he withdrew.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 1800.

An engrossed bill to promote the manufacture of sheet copper within the United States, by the incorporation of a company under the name of "The Passaick Copper Company," was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to promote the manufacture of sheet copper within the United States, by the incorporation of a company for carrying on the same."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Charles Pettit, with the report of the Secretary of the Treasury thereon, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to provide for the execution of the twenty-seventh article of the treaty of amity, commerce, and navigation, made with Great Britain; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a further progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate agree to the conference proposed by this House, on the subject-matter of the amendment insisted on by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to divide the territory of the United States Northwest of the Ohio into two separate Governments;" and have appointed managers at the same on their part. The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act for the regulation of public arsenals and magazines." The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act to suspend part of an act, entitled 'An act to augment the Army of the United States, and for other purposes;'" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom was referred the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act prescribing the mode of deciding disputed elections of President and Vice President of the United States;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Shaw, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, yesterday, approve and sign an act, which originated in this House, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to accept, for the United States, a cession of jurisdiction of the territory West of Pennsylvania, commonly called the Western Reserve of Connecticut;" and, also, that the President did, this day, approve and sign an act, which originated in this House, entitled "An act to provide for rebuilding the light-house at New London; for the support of a light-house at Clark's Point; for the erection and support of a light-house at Wigwam Point, and for other purposes."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 1800.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act supplementary to the act to suspend part of an act, entitled 'An act to augment the Army of the United States, and for other purposes,'" was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Harper, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made a report on the subject of further revenue ; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom was referred the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act prescribing the mode of deciding disputed elections of President and Vice President of the United States ;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill and report under consideration, and directed him to report an amendment to the said bill ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said bill and amendment do lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to enable the President of the United States to borrow money for the public service." The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act to amend an act, entitled "An act to establish the Judicial Courts of the United States;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, MAY 1, 1800.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from John Baptiste Verdier, in reply to the letter from Robert Morris, esq. presented the twenty-eighth ultimo ; which was read, and ordered to be committed to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of John Baptiste Verdier.

Mr. Sewall, from the committee to whom was referred, on the thirteenth of January last, the petition of Cato West and others, made a further report ; which was read and considered : Whereupon,

Resolved, That the Governor of the Mississippi Territory be authorized by law, for the term of one year, to permit by his special license, to be granted after examination of each case in which it shall be requested, any slave or slaves, bona fide the property of a citizen of the United States, or owned by any person resident within the Mississippi Territory, at the period when the Government of the United States was established over the same, to be brought by such proprietor into the said Territory.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution ; and that Mr. Sewall, Mr. Chauncey Goodrich, Mr. Wain, Mr. Evans, and Mr. Hill, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the twenty-first of March last, the petition of John Carthy, made a report ; which was read and considered : Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of the said John Carthy cannot be granted.

Mr. Harper, from the committee to whom was referred so much of the speech of the President of the United States as relates to a revision and amendment of the Judiciary system, made a report ; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

Mr. Harper, from the same committee, presented, according to order, a bill to provide for the more convenient and effectual administration of justice in the Courts of the United States ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to the Committee of the Whole House last appointed.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom was referred, on the seventh of March last, the petition of William Hill and others ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to two resolutions thereupon ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House as follows :

Resolved, That the sum of ——— dollars ought to be appropriated by law to defray the expense of such treaty or treaties as the President of the United States may deem it expedient to hold with any nation or nations of Indians Southwest of the River Ohio.

Resolved, That provision ought to be made by law, authorizing and enabling all persons who, under the laws of North Carolina, and in conformity to the regulations and provisions thereof, have entered, surveyed, located, or obtained, grants of any of the lands ceded by the said State to the United States, in such manner as would have vested a good title under the said State of North Carolina, if such cession had not been made, to enter upon, occupy, and possess, the same, or to remove thereto their locations from such lands, the titles whereto shall not be extinguished, whenever, and as soon as the Indian title or claim to a sufficient portion of the said land shall be extinguished, under the authority of the United States; and to possess and enjoy the same in as full and ample manner as if the same had been derived from, or under, the United States.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the first resolution; and that Mr. Pinckney, Mr. Chauncey Goodrich, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Nicholas, and Mr. Thatcher, do prepare and bring in the same.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act to establish the Judicial Courts of the United States,'" was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill supplementary to an act, entitled "An act to establish the compensation of the officers employed in the collection of the duties on imports and tonnage, and for other purposes;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The House proceeded to consider the report made, the twenty-second ultimo, by the committee appointed to inquire into the operation of the acts making provision for the establishment of trading-houses with the Indian tribes, and into the expediency of reviving and continuing the said acts in force: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the act, entitled "An act for establishing trading-houses with the Indian tribes," ought to be revived and continued in force for one year, and from thence to the end of the next session of Congress; so as to authorize the further employment of the capital heretofore employed under the direction of that act.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution; and that Mr. Claiborne, Mr. Nicholas, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Thatcher, and Mr. Elizur Goodrich, do prepare and bring in the same.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment reported, yesterday, from the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed the report of the committee to whom was referred the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act prescribing the mode of deciding disputed elections of President and Vice President of the United States;" and the same being read,

A motion was made and seconded to amend the said amendment, by striking out, in the first section thereof, the words following: "That, on the — next following the day when a President and Vice President shall have been voted for by Electors, it shall be the duty of the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States to choose, by ballot, in each House, four members thereof: and the persons thus chosen shall form a Joint Committee, and shall have power to examine into all disputes relative to the election of President and Vice President of the United States, other than such as may relate to the number of votes by which the Electors may have been appointed:"

And, the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 41,
Nays 47.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston,
Theodorus Bailey,
Phanuel Bishop,
Robert Brown,
Samuel J. Cabell,
Gabriel Christie,
Matthew Clay,
William C. C. Claiborne,

John Condit,
Thomas T. Davis,
John Dawson,
Joseph Eggleston,
Lucas Elmendorf,
John Fowler,
Albert Gallatin,
Edwin Gray,

Andrew Gregg,
John A. Hanna,
David Holmes,
George Jackson,
James Jones,
Aaron Kitchell,
Michael Leib,
Matthew Lyon,
James Linn,
Nathaniel Macon,
Peter Muhlenberg,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,

Joseph H. Nicholson,
John Randolph,
John Smilie,
John Smith,
Richard Stanford,
David Stone,
Thomas Sumter,
John Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
Joseph B. Varnum, and
Robert Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

George Baer,
Bailey Bartlett,
James A. Bayard,
Jonathan Brace,
John Brown,
Christopher G. Champlin,
William Cooper,
Samuel W. Dana,
Franklin Davenport,
John Dennis,
George Dent,
Joseph Dickson,
William Edmond,
Thomas Evans,
Abiel Foster,
Dwight Foster,
Jonathan Freeman,
Henry Glen,
Chauncey Goodrich,
Elizur Goodrich,
Roger Griswold,
Robert Goodloe Harper,
William H. Hill,
Benjamin Huger,

Henry Lee,
Silas Lee,
Samuel Lyman,
John Marshall,
Lewis R. Morris,
Abraham Nott,
Robert Page,
Josiah Parker,
Thomas Pinckney,
Jonas Platt,
Leven Powell,
John Read,
John Rutledge, junior,
Samuel Sewall,
James Sheafe,
William Shepard,
George Thatcher,
John Chew Thomas,
Richard Thomas,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Robert Waln,
Lemuel Williams, and
Henry Woods.

A motion was then made and seconded to amend the said amendment, by striking out of the eight section thereof, the following : " And sign his name thereto, and if it be founded on any circumstance appearing in the report of the Joint Committee, and the exception be seconded by one member from the Senate, and one from the House of Representatives, each of whom shall sign the said exception, as having seconded the same, then each House shall immediately retire, without question or debate, to its own apartment, and shall take the question on the exception, without debate, by ayes and noes. So soon as the question shall be taken in either House, a message shall be sent to the other, informing them that the House sending the message is prepared to resume the count ; and when such message shall have been received by both Houses, they shall again assemble in the same apartment as before, and the count shall be resumed. And if the two Houses have concurred in rejecting the vote or votes objected to, such vote or votes shall not be counted ; but unless both Houses concur, such vote or votes shall be counted. If the objection taken as aforementioned, shall arise on the face of the papers opened by the President of the Senate, in the presence of both Houses, and shall not have been noticed in the report of the Joint Committee, such objection may be referred to the Joint Committee, to be examined and reported on by them, in the same manner, and on the same principles, as their first report was made ; but if both Houses do not concur in referring the same to the committee, then such objection shall be decided on in the like manner as if it had been founded on any circumstance appearing in the report of the committee ;" and insert, in lieu thereof, the following : " And the question on the exception shall immediately, and without debate, be taken by ayes and noes, and decided by a majority of the members of both Houses then present :"

And, the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 43,
 { Nays 46.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston,
 Theodorus Bailey,
 Phaniel Bishop,
 Robert Brown,
 Samuel J. Cabell,
 Gabriel Christie,
 Matthew Clay,
 William C. C. Claiborne,
 John Condit,
 Thomas T. Davis,
 John Dawson,
 George Dent,
 Joseph Eggleston,
 Lucas Elmendorf,
 John Fowler,
 Albert Gallatin,
 Edwin Gray,
 Andrew Gregg,
 John A. Hanna,
 Joseph Heister,
 David Holmes,
 George Jackson,

James Jones,
 Aaron Kitchell,
 Michael Leib,
 Matthew Lyon,
 James Linn,
 Nathaniel Macon,
 Peter Muhlenburg,
 Anthony New,
 John Nicholas,
 Joseph H. Nicholson,
 John Randolph,
 John Smilie,
 John Smith,
 Richard Stanford,
 David Stone,
 Thomas Sumter,
 John Thompson,
 Abram Trigg,
 John Trigg,
 Joseph B. Varnum, and
 Robert Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

George Baer,
 Bailey Bartlett,
 James A. Bayard,
 Jonathan Brace,
 John Brown,
 Christopher G. Champlin,
 William Cooper,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 Franklin Davenport,
 John Dennis,
 Joseph Dickson,
 William Edmond,
 Thomas Evans,
 Abiel Foster,
 Dwight Foster,
 Jonathan Freeman,
 Henry Glen,
 Chauncey Goodrich,
 Elizur Goodrich,
 Roger Griswold,
 Robert Goodloe Harper,
 William H. Hill,
 Benjamin Huger,

Henry Lee,
 Silas Lee,
 Samuel Lyman,
 John Marshall,
 Lewis R. Morris,
 Abraham Nott,
 Robert Page,
 Josiah Parker,
 Thomas Pinckney,
 Jonas Platt,
 Leven Powell,
 John Reed,
 John Rutledge, jun.
 Samuel Sewall,
 James Sheafe,
 William Shepard,
 George Thatcher,
 John Chew Thomas,
 Richard Thomas,
 Peleg Wadsworth,
 Robert Waln,
 Lemuel Williams, and
 Henry Woods.

Another motion was then made and seconded to amend the said amendment ; and the question being taken thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion,

Ordered, That the said amendment, as amended, be re-committed to a Committee of the Whole House immediately.

The House, accordingly, resolved itself into the said committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said amendment under consideration, and made one amendment thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House.

And then the main question being taken that the House do agree to the said amendment as amended,

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

Roger Griswold,
William Barry Grove,
Robert Goodloe Harper,
William H. Hill,
Benjamin Huger,
James H. Imlay,
Henry Lee,
Silas Lee,
Samuel Lyman,
John Marshall,
Lewis R. Morris,
Abraham Nott,
Robert Page,
Josiah Parker,
Thomas Pinckney,
Jonas Piatt,
Leven Powell,
John Reed,
John Rutledge, jun.
Samuel Sewall,
James Sheafe,

William Shepard,
Samuel Smith,
George Thatcher,
John Chew Thomas,
Richard Thomas,

Joseph B. Varnum,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Robert Waln,
Lemuel Williams, and
Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston,
Theodorus Bailey,
Phanuel Bishop,
Robert Brown,
Samuel J. Cabell,
Gabriel Christie,
Matthew Clay,
William C. C. Claiborne,
John Condit,
John Dawson,
Joseph Eggleston,
Lucas Elmendorf,
Albert Gallatin,
Edwin Gray,
Andrew Gregg,
John A. Hanna,
Thomas Hartley,
Joseph Heister,
David Holmes,

George Jackson,
James Jones,
Aaron Kitchell,
Michael Leib,
James Linn,
Nathaniel Macon,
Peter Muhlenberg,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
John Randolph,
John Smilie,
John Smith,
Richard Stanford,
David Stone,
John Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg, and
Robert Williams.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Wadsworth, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the laws now in force fixing the compensations of the officers of the Senate and House of Representatives."

A petition of William Wheland, of the city of Philadelphia, mariner, was presented to the House and read, stating that, by direction of the judge of the district court of the district of Pennsylvania, he entered into a recognizance to appear as a witness in certain criminal prosecutions in the said court; and having been thereby prevented, for a considerable length of time, from following his usual occupation, has been subjected to great loss; and praying relief in the premises.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A petition of William Jackson, surveyor of the customs for the port of Philadelphia, was presented to the House and read, complaining that an improper construction has been put upon a particular part of the law regulating the collection of duties on imports and tonnage, by the officers of the Treasury Department, to the great disadvantage of the petitioner, and praying relief in the premises.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

A petition of Andrew Bartel was presented to the House and read, praying relief in consideration of wounds and other injuries received by the petitioner, whilst a soldier in the Army of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

Mr. Wadsworth, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined two enrolled bills, viz: one entitled "An act to continue in force an act laying an additional duty on salt imported into the United States, and for other purposes;" and another entitled "An act for the regulation of public arsenals and magazines;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the committee to whom was re-committed the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act in addition to the act, entitled 'An act to prohibit the carrying on the slave trade from the United States to any foreign place or country,'" made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Griswold, from the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business, made a report; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was read.

The resolution contained in the said report being again read, in the words following, to wit:

Resolved, That the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business do prepare and report a bill to authorize a further expenditure of money for the support of clerks—

In the Department of State	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 550
In the Department of the Navy	-	-	-	-	-	800
In the office of the Paymaster General	-	-	-	-	-	-
And in the office of the Commissioner of Loans in the State of						
Pennsylvania	-	-	-	-	-	2,000

The question was taken that the House do agree to the same,

And passed in the negative.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the twenty-fifth of March last, the petition of Stephen G. Simmons, made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of the said Stephen G. Simmons cannot be granted.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the allowance of a credit to William Tazewell." And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill supplementary to an act, entitled "An act to establish the compensation of the officers employed in the collection of the duties on imports and tonnage;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Edmond reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were read.

The first amendment reported from the Committee of the Whole House to the said bill being again read, was, on the question put thereupon, disagreed to by the House.

The second amendment reported from the Committee of the Whole House being again read, and debate arising thereon.

An adjournment was called for: Whereupon,

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 1800.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report, made yesterday, from the committee to whom was recommended the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act in addition to the act, entitled 'An act to prohibit the carrying on the slave trade from the United States to any foreign place or country ;' and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill and report under consideration, and made an amendment thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendment, be read the third time to-day.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the twenty-second ultimo, the petition of Savage Stillwell, made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of the said Savage Stillwell cannot be granted.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act in addition to the act, entitled 'An act to prohibit the carrying on the slave trade from the United States to any foreign place or country,' together with the amendment agreed to this day, was read the third time ;

And, on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 67,
 { Nays 5.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston,
George Baer,
Theodorus Bailey,
Bailey Bartlett,
James A. Bayard,
Phanuel Bishop,

Jonathan Brace,
Robert Brown,
Samuel J. Cabell,
Matthew Clay,
William Charles Cole Claiborne,
John Condit,

William Cooper,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Davenport,
 Franklin Davenport,
 John Dennis,
 William Edmond,
 Joseph Eggleston,
 Thomas Evans,
 Abiel Foster,
 Dwight Foster,
 Albert Gallatin,
 Henry Glen,
 Chauncey Goodrich,
 Elizur Goodrich,
 Edwin Gray,
 Andrew Gregg,
 Roger Griswold,
 William Barry Grove,
 John A. Hanna,
 Robert Goodloe Harper,
 Thomas Hartley,
 Joseph Heister,
 William H. Hill,
 David Holmes,
 James H. Imlay,
 Aaron Kitchell,
 Silas Lee,
 Michael Leib,

Samuel Lyman,
 Nathaniel Macon,
 Lewis R. Morris,
 Peter Muhlenburg,
 John Nicholas,
 Abraham Nott,
 Robert Page,
 Thomas Pinckney,
 Jonas Platt,
 Leven Powell,
 John Reed,
 Samuel Sewall,
 William Shepard,
 John Smilie,
 John Smith,
 Samuel Smith,
 David Stone,
 Thomas Sumter,
 George Thatcher,
 John Chew Thomas,
 John Thompson,
 Abram Trigg,
 John Trigg,
 Joseph B. Varnum,
 Peleg Wadsworth,
 Robert Waln, and
 Robert Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

John Brown,
 George Dent,
 Joseph Dickson,

Benjamin Huger, and
 John Rutledge, jun.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Nicholas, from the committee to whom was referred, on the first instant, a motion relative to the distribution of the Journals of the old Congress, made a report ; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Chauncey Goodrich, from the managers appointed on the part of this House to confer with the managers appointed on the part of the Senate on the subject-matter of the amendment disagreed to by this House, and insisted on by the Senate, to the bill, entitled "An act to divide the territory of the United States Northwest of the Ohio into two separate Governments," made a report ; which was read and considered : Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth recede from their disagreement to the amendment insisted on by the Senate to the said bill, and doth agree to the said amendment, with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Pinckney, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to appropriate a certain sum of money to defray the expense of holding a treaty or treaties with the Indians ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Claiborne, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to revive and continue in force an act, entitled "An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the thirteenth of March last, the petition of John Little, be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

The House resumed the consideration of the report made yesterday from the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed the bill supplementary to an act, en-

titled "An act to establish the compensation of the officers employed in the collection of the duties on imports and tonnage;" Whereupon,

The second amendment reported from the Committee of the Whole House, was further amended at the Clerk's table; and, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The third amendment reported by the Committee of the Whole House to the said bill being again read, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The said bill was then further amended at the Clerk's table; and, together with the amendments, agreed to, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to establish the Treasury Department;'" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of Government, for the year one thousand eight hundred," with an amendment; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said message; Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the amendment proposed by the Senate to the last mentioned bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to establish the Treasury Department,'" was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, MAY 5, 1800.

Ordered, That Mr. Edmond have leave to be absent from the service of this House, during the remainder of the session.

An engrossed bill supplementary to an act, entitled "An act to establish the compensation of the officers employed in the collection of the duties on imports and tonnage, and for other purposes," was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act to establish the compensation of the officers employed in the collection of the duties on imports and tonnage, and for other purposes.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Stone, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill making further provision for the relief of persons imprisoned for debts due to the United States; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Sewall, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to permit, in certain cases, the bringing of slaves into the Mississippi Territory; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the eighth of January last, the petition of John King, made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of the said John King cannot be granted.

Mr. Harper, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made a report on the subject of certain appropriations for the Diplomatic Department; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Harper, from the same committee, presented, according to order, a bill to make provision relative to rations for Indians, and to their visits to the Seat of Government; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill in addition to the act, entitled "An act for granting land to the inhabitants and settlers at Vincennes and the Illinois country, in the territory Northwest of the Ohio, and for confirming them in their possessions;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Harper, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made a report on the subject of certain appropriations for the Indian Department; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Harper, from the same committee, presented, according to order, a bill to authorize certain expenditures, and to make certain additional appropriations for the year one thousand eight hundred; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate recede from their third and fourth amendments, disagreed to by this House, to the sixth section of the bill, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act providing for the sale of the lands of the United States, in the territory Northwest of the Ohio, and above the mouth of Kentucky river,'" and insist on all their other amendments to the said bill. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Nicholas, from the committee to whom was referred so much of the President's speech as relates to "a system of national defence, commensurate with our resources and the situation of our country," made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was this day committed the bill to authorize certain expenditures, and to make certain appropriations for the year one thousand eight hundred.

Mr. Gallatin, from the managers appointed to attend a conference with the Senate on the subject-matter of the amendments proposed by the Senate, and disagreed to by this House to the bill, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act providing for the sale of the lands of the United States in the territory Northwest of the Ohio, and above the mouth of Kentucky river,'" made a report; which was read and considered:

Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth recede from their disagreement to the amendment to the said bill, insisted on by the Senate, and doth agree to the same with amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate agree to the amendment proposed by this House to their amendment to the bill to divide the territory of the United States Northwest of the Ohio into two separate Governments. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Gray, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined the following enrolled bills, to wit: one entitled "An act to divide the territory of the United States Northwest of the Ohio into two separate Governments;" another entitled "An act to authorize the allowance of a credit to William Tazewell;" another entitled "An act to authorize the sale and conveyance of land, in certain cases, by the Marshals of the United States, and to confirm former sales;" another entitled "An act to enable the President of the United States to borrow money for the public service;" and another entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of Government, for the year one thousand eight hundred;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Lincoln, in the State of Kentucky, be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the bill appropriating a certain sum of money to defray the expense of holding a treaty or treaties with the Indians.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill last mentioned; and, after some time spent therein, Mr.

Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill providing the means of intercourse between the United States and foreign nations; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to enlarge the powers of the Surveyors of the Revenue; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

The said bill was then further amended at the Clerk's table, and, together with the amendments, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, MAY 6, 1800.

A petition of Nicholas Reib was presented to the House and read, praying that the House may take up, for consideration and decision, a former petition presented by the petitioner at the present session.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

An engrossed bill in addition to the act, entitled "An act for granting land to the inhabitants and settlers at Vincennes and the Illinois country, in the territory Northwest of the Ohio, and for confirming them in their possessions," was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act in addition to the act, entitled 'An act for granting land to the inhabitants and settlers at Vincennes and the Illinois country, in the territory Northwest of the Ohio, and for confirming them in their possessions.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill to appropriate a certain sum of money to defray the expense of holding a treaty or treaties with the Indians was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to appropriate a certain sum of money to defray the expense of holding a treaty or treaties with the Indians."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill providing the means of intercourse between the United States and foreign nations was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to ascertain the compensation of public Ministers."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill to enlarge the powers of Surveyors of the Revenue was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to enlarge the powers of the Surveyors of the Revenue."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Wadsworth, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined the following enrolled bills, to wit: one entitled "An act to continue in force an act laying an additional duty on salt imported into the United States, and for other purposes;" another entitled "An act to authorize the allowance of a credit to William Tazewell;" another entitled "An act to enable the President of the United States to borrow money for the public service;" another entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of Government, for the year one thousand eight hundred;" another entitled "An act to authorize the sale and conveyance of lands, in certain cases,

by the Marshals of the United States, and to confirm former sales ;" another entitled "An act for the regulation of public arsenals and magazines ;" and another entitled "An act to divide the territory of the United States Northwest of the Ohio into two separate Governments ;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled : Whereupon, Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the seventeenth of February last, the memorial of Ebenezer Hazard, made a report ; which was read and considered : Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of the said Ebenezer Hazard cannot be granted.

The House proceeded to consider the report, made the third instant, from the committee to whom was referred a motion relative to the distribution of the Journals of the old Congress : Whereupon,

Resolved, That the Clerk of this House be directed to distribute among the members such volumes of the Journals of the former Congress as have been received by him under a resolution of the last session, or were before in his possession, and the volumes necessary to complete the sets as they may come to his hands.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire whether it be expedient to repeal or amend the act further to suspend the commercial intercourse between the United States and France, and the dependencies thereof, and report their opinion thereon by bill or otherwise :

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to provide for equalizing the valuations of unseated lands." The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act establishing the Mint, and regulating the coins of the United States ;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to establish the district of Kennebunk, and to annex Lyme to New London, and to alter the district of Bermuda Hundred and City Point, and therein to amend the act, entitled 'An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage,' with amendments ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate agree to the amendments proposed by this House to their amendments to the bill, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act providing for the sale of the lands of the United States in the Territory Northwest of the Ohio, and above the mouth of Kentucky River.'" And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to establish the district of Kennebunk, and to annex Lyme to New London, and to alter the district of Bermuda Hundred and City Point, and therein to amend the act, entitled "An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage : " Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act supplementary to the act establishing the Mint, and regulating the coins of the United States," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Ways and Means on the subject of further revenue ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 1800.

A petition of Askley Adams was presented to the House and read, praying that he may be admitted to the rights and privileges of an American citizen, for the reasons therein expressed.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

Mr. Davis, from the committee to whom was referred, on the second ultimo, the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Ithamar Canfield," made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Page, from the managers appointed on the part of this House to attend a conference with the Senate on the subject-matter of the amendments disagreed to by this House to the bill, entitled "An act supplemental to the act, entitled 'An act for an amicable settlement of limits with the State of Georgia, and authorizing the establishment of a Government in the Mississippi Territory,'" made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorize the President of the United States to discharge the additional Army thereof, so soon as, in his opinion, the state of things between the United States and the French Republic will warrant that measure:

Ordered, That the said motion be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act supplementary to the act to suspend part of an act, entitled 'An act to augment the Army of the United States, and for other purposes.'"

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Ways and Means on the subject of further revenue; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Parker reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their disagreement to one, and their agreement to all the other resolutions contained in the said report, with amendments; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

The resolution to which the Committee of the Whole House reported their disagreement, being then read, in the words following, to wit:

Resolved, That it is expedient to lay a tax on drawbacks allowed by law, for goods re-exported from the United States, according to the plan proposed in the letter of April tenth, one thousand eight hundred, from the Secretary of the Treasury to the Committee of Ways and Means:

The question was taken that the House do agree with the Committee of the Whole House in their disagreement to the same,

And resolved in the affirmative.

The other resolutions, as amended, being then read at the Clerk's table, in the words following, to wit:

1st. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to lay an additional duty of twenty per centum on the amount of the present duty upon wines imported into the United States, and to vary the scale of duties in such manner as to comport with the plan of the Secretary of the Treasury.

2d. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to lay an additional duty of two and one half per centum ad valorem on such goods, wares, and merchandises, imported into the United States, as are now subject to a duty of ten per centum ad valorem.

3d. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to lay an additional duty of one half per cent. per pound on brown sugar imported into the United States.

4th. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to retain two and one half per centum on all drawbacks allowed for goods re-exported from the United States, for the expenses incident to the allowance thereof, and in lieu of the stamp duties on debentures; and also the whole of the additional duty on goods imported in foreign vessels, in addition to the sums heretofore directed by law, to be so retained for the aforesaid purposes.

The first and second resolutions agreed to by the Committee of the Whole House, were, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The third resolution agreed to by the Committee of the Whole House being under consideration,

The question was taken that the House do agree with the Committee of the Whole House in their agreement to the same,

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 54,
 { Nays 28.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston,
Theodorus Bailey,

Bailey Bartlett,
James A. Bayard,

Jonathan Brace,
John Brown,
Christopher G. Champlin,
William Charles Cole Claiborne,
William Cooper,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
Franklin Davenport,
Thomas T. Davis,
John Dennis,
George Dent,
Thomas Evans,
Abiel Foster,
Dwight Foster,
Jonathan Freeman,
Henry Glen,
Chauncey Goodrich,
Elizur Goodrich,
Edwin Gray,
Roger Griswold,
William Barry Grove,
Robert Goodloe Harper,
Benjamin Huger,
James H. Inlay,
Aaron Kitchell,

John Wilkes Kittera,
Samuel Lyman,
Matthew Lyon,
Lewis R. Morris,
Abraham Nott,
Robert Page,
Josiah Parker,
Thomas Pinckney,
Jonas Platt,
Leven Powell,
John Reed,
John Rutledge, junior,
Samuel Sewall,
James Sheafe,
William Shepard,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
David Stone,
George Thatcher,
John Chew Thomas,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Robert Waln,
Robert Williams,
Lemuel Williams, and
Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Phanuel Bishop,
Samuel J. Cabell,
Gabriel Christie,
Matthew Clay,
John Condit,
John Dawson,
Joseph Dickson,
Joseph Eggleston,
Lucas Elmendorf,
Albert Gallatin,
Andrew Gregg,
John A. Hanna,
Joseph Heister,
David Holmes,

George Jackson,
James Jones,
Michael Leib,
James Linn,
Nathaniel Macon,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
John Randolph,
John Smilie,
Richard Stanford,
Thomas Sumter,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg, and
Joseph B. Varnum.

The fourth resolution reported from the Committee of the Whole House was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolutions; and that the Committee of Ways and Means do prepare and bring in the same.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Shaw, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the second instant, approve and sign an act, which originated in this House, entitled "An act supplementary to the laws now in force fixing the compensations of the officers of the Senate and House of Representatives;" and, also, that the President did, this day, approve and sign the following acts, which originated in this House: one entitled "An act to continue in force an act laying an additional duty on salt imported into the United States, and for other purposes;" another entitled "An act for the regulation of public arsenals and magazines;" another entitled "An act to authorize the sale and conveyance of lands, in certain cases, by the Marshals of the United States, and to confirm former sales;" another entitled "An act to enable the President of the United States to borrow money for the public service;" another entitled "An act to divide the Territory of the United States Northwest of the Ohio into two separate Governments;" another entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of Government, for the year one thousand eight hundred;" and another entitled "An act to authorize the allowance of a credit to William Tazewell."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the Military establishment of the United States, in the year one thousand:

eight hundred." The Senate agree to the amendments proposed by this House to the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act in addition to the act, entitled 'An act to prohibit the carrying on the slave trade from the United States to any foreign place or country,' with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate insist on their first and third amendments disagreed to by this House to the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act for an amicable settlement of limits with the State of Georgia, and authorizing the establishment of a Government in the Mississippi Territory;" and agree to the other amendments of this House to their amendments, with amendments. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the reports of the Committee of Claims on the several petitions of Ann Elliot, of Jane Lynch, and of Mary Wooster; to which Committee of the Whole House was also committed the engrossed bill to make further provision for the children of Colonel John Harding and Major Alexander Trueman, deceased; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Parker reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said reports and bill under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their agreement to the reports of the Committee of Claims on the several petitions of Ann Elliot, of Mary Wooster, and of Jane Lynch; and that the committee had made no amendment to the said bill.

On motion,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the reports of the Committee of Claims on the petitions of Ann Elliot, and of Mary Wooster, be postponed until the first Monday in December next.

The report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of Jane Lynch being then read at the Clerk's table, in the words following, to wit:

"That she states that her husband was, for many years, a surgeon in the service of the United States; that, in the summer of the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, the case of a sick soldier demanded uncommon care and attention, and Doctor Lynch, in attending upon him, was greatly exposed; that a mortal malady seized him, of which he soon died, leaving her and three helpless children unprovided for: She prays that some provision may be made for her and her children.

"From the evidence submitted to the committee, they have no doubt of the truth of the facts stated. They compassionate the situation and misfortunes of the petitioner, but cannot find a principle hitherto deemed admissible by Congress which will justify their recommending that particular provision should be made in this case."

The question was taken that the House do agree with the Committee of the Whole House in their agreement to the said report,

And resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the bill to make further provision for the children of Colonel John Harding and Major Alexander Trueman, deceased, be read the third time to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, MAY 8, 1800.

Ordered, That Mr. Dennis, Mr. Cabell, Mr. Parker, Mr. Randolph, and Mr. Marshall, have leave to be absent from the service of this House for the remainder of the session.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Ithamar Canfield," was read the third time;

And, on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Ordered, That James Bell, who presented a petition to this House on the thirteenth of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, and Paul Bentalou, who presented a petition on the thirteenth of January last, have leave, respectively, to withdraw their said petitions.

An engrossed bill to make further provision for the children of Colonel John Harding and Major Alexander Trueman, deceased, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to make further provision for the children of Colonel John Harding and Major Alexander Trueman, deceased."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Griswold, from the committee appointed, on the twentieth of March last, to

examine the accounts of the United States relating to the public debt, and to report the amount respectively incurred and extinguished, and generally such facts as relate to the increase and diminution of the same since the establishment of the Government of the United States under the present Constitution, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, and the Secretary and Comptroller of the Treasury, transmitting their report made in pursuance of the act, entitled "An act for the relief of the refugees from the British Provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia;" which was read, and ordered to be referred to the committee instructed, on the twenty-fifth of February last, to prepare and report a bill appropriating a tract of land sufficient to satisfy the claims of the Nova Scotia and Canada refugees, and designating the mode in which the respective bounties in land shall be located.

Mr. Gallatin, from the committee last mentioned, presented, according to order, a bill regulating grants of land appropriated for the refugees from the British Provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-day.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Treasurer of the United States, accompanying his account of the expenditures of public moneys on account of the War and Navy Departments, for the quarter ending the thirty-first of March, one thousand eight hundred; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Harper, from the Committee of Ways and Means, presented, according to order, a bill to retain a further sum on drawbacks, for the expenses incident to the allowance and payment thereof, and in lieu of stamp duties on debentures; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-day.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act permitting the exportation of certain parcels of gunpowder, muskets, and cutlasses, made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said bill be now read the third time.

The said bill was accordingly read the third time; and, on the question that the same do pass,

It passed in the negative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Harper, from the Committee of Ways and Means, presented, according to order, a bill to lay additional duties on certain articles imported; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-day.

Mr. Wadsworth, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined two enrolled bills, to wit: one entitled "An act to amend the act entitled 'An act providing for the sale of the lands of the United States in the Territory Northwest of the Ohio, and above the mouth of Kentucky river;'" and the other entitled "An act to provide for equalizing the valuations of unseated lands;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Henry Lee, from the joint committee appointed to prepare and report measures in honor of the memory of General GEORGE WASHINGTON, made a further report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-day.

The House proceeded to consider the report made yesterday, from the managers appointed to attend a conference with the Senate on the subject-matter of the amendments depending between the two Houses to the bill, entitled "An act supplemental to the act, entitled 'An act for an amicable settlement of limits with the State of Georgia, and authorizing the establishment of a Government in the Mississippi Territory,'" and, the said report being again read at the Clerk's table,

Resolved, That this House doth recede from their disagreement to the amendment of the Senate to the first section of the bill above mentioned, and doth agree to the said amendment, with an amendment:

Resolved, That this House doth recede from their disagreement to the amendment of the Senate to the ninth section of the said bill ; and doth agree to the amendment of the Senate to the first amendment of this House to the tenth section, proposed to be inserted by the Senate.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to authorize certain expenditures, and to make certain additional appropriations for the year one thousand eight hundred ; to which Committee of the Whole House was also referred the report of the committee to whom was referred so much of the President's speech as relates to "a system of national defence commensurate with our resources and the situation of our country ;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Parker reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill and report under consideration, and made several amendments to the said bill ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Claiborne, from the committee to whom was referred the laws passed by the Governor and Judges of the Mississippi Territory, made a report ; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

An engrossed bill to lay additional duties on certain articles imported was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to lay additional duties on certain articles imported."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill to retain a further sum on drawbacks, for the expenses incident to the allowance and payment thereof, and in lieu of stamp duties on debentures, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to retain a further sum on drawbacks, for the expenses incident to the allowance and payment thereof, and in lieu of stamp duties on debentures."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate agree to the amendment proposed by this House to their first amendment to the bill, entitled "An act supplemental to the act, entitled 'An act for an amicable settlement of limits with the State of Georgia, and authorizing the establishment of a Government in the Mississippi Territory.'" The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act to establish the compensation of the officers employed in the collection of the duties on imports and tonnage,'" with amendments ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the last mentioned bill : Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to permit, in certain cases, the bringing of slaves into the Mississippi Territory ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Dennis reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to make provision relative to rations for Indians, and to their visits to the seat of Government ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Dennis reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee appointed to prepare and report measures in honor of the memory of General GEORGE WASHINGTON ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Parker reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to a

resolution thereupon, which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, amended, and agreed to by the House as follows :

Resolved, That a Mausoleum be erected for GEORGE WASHINGTON, in the city of Washington.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution ; and that Mr. Evans, Mr. Griswold, and Mr. Sewall, do prepare and bring in the same.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, MAY 9, 1800.

An engrossed bill to permit, in certain cases, the bringing of slaves into the Mississippi Territory, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to permit, in certain cases, the bringing of slaves into the Mississippi Territory."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill to make provision relative to rations for Indians, and to their visits to the seat of Government, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to make provision relative to rations for Indians, and to their visits to the seat of Government."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill to authorize certain expenditures, and to make certain appropriations for the year one thousand eight hundred, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to authorize certain expenditures, and to make certain appropriations for the year one thousand eight hundred."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Wadsworth, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined the following enrolled bills, to wit : one entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to establish the compensation of the officers employed in the collection of the duties on imports and tonnage ;'" another entitled "An act in addition to the act, entitled 'An act to prohibit the carrying on the slave trade from the United States to any foreign place or country ;'" another entitled "An act supplemental to the act, entitled 'An act for an amicable settlement of limits with the State of Georgia, and authorizing the establishment of a Government in the Mississippi Territory ;'" another entitled "An act for the relief of Ithamar Canfield ;" another entitled "An act making appropriations for the Military establishment of the United States, in the year one thousand eight hundred ;" and another entitled "An act to establish the district of Kennebunk, and to annex Lyme to New London, and to alter the district of Bermuda-Hundred and City Point, and therein to amend the act, entitled 'An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage ;'" and had found the same to be truly enrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Gallatin, from the committee to whom was yesterday referred the letter from the Secretary of War, and Secretary and Comptroller of the Treasury, on the subject of the refugees from Canada and Nova-Scotia, made a report ; which was read, and ordered to be committed to the Committee of the Whole House, to whom is committed the bill regulating grants of land appropriated for the refugees from the British provinces of Canada and Nova-Scotia.

Mr. Evans, from the committee appointed yesterday, presented, according to order, a bill for erecting a Mausoleum for General GEORGE WASHINGTON, in the city of Washington ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House immediately.

The House, accordingly, resolved itself into the said committee ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-day.

Mr. Wadsworth, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, the following enrolled bills, to wit: one entitled "An act in addition to the act, entitled 'An act to prohibit the carrying on the slave trade from the United States to any foreign place or country ;'" another entitled "An act for the relief of Ithamar Canfield ;" another entitled "An act making appropriations for the Military establishment of the United States, in the year one thousand eight hundred ;" another entitled "An act to establish the district of Kennebunk, and to annex Lyme to New London, and to alter the district of Bermuda Hundred and City Point, and therein to amend the act, entitled 'An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage ;'" another entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to establish the compensation of the officers employed in the collection of the duties on imports and tonnage ;'" another entitled "An act supplemental to the act, entitled 'An act for an amicable settlement of limits with the State of Georgia, and authorizing the establishment of a Government in the Mississippi Territory ;'" another entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act providing for the sale of the lands of the United States in the territory Northwest of the Ohio, and above the mouth of Kentucky river ;'" and another entitled "An act for equalizing the valuations of unseated lands."

Mr. Dwight Foster, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the twenty-eighth of January last, the petition of William Turnbull and others, made a report ; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the report made yesterday, from the committee to whom was referred the laws passed by the Governor and Judges of the Mississippi Territory : and the resolution contained in the said report being again read at the Clerk's table, in the words following, to wit :

"Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That so much of the law enacted by the Governor and Judges of the Mississippi Territory, entitled 'A law to regulate taverns and retailers of liquors, and concerning Indians,' as authorizes the Governor to demand eight dollars for every tavern license by him signed ; and that so much of the law passed by the same *authority*, entitled 'A law establishing and regulating the fees of the several officers and persons therein named,' as entitle the Judges of the Supreme Court to receive fees for certain services therein enumerated, be, and the same are hereby, disapproved of, and declared to be no longer in force in the said Mississippi Territory :"

The question was taken that the House do agree to the same,

And resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said resolution to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill regulating grants of land appropriated for the refugees from the British provinces of Canada and Nova-Scotia ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made one amendment thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendment, be presently engrossed, and read the third time.

The said bill, with the amendment, was accordingly brought in engrossed, and read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act regulating grants of land appropriated for the refugees from the British provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to establish the Treasury Department ;'" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be now read the third time.

The said bill was accordingly read the third time :

And, on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act appointing the time, and directing the place of the next meeting of Congress ;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bill was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House immediately.

The House, accordingly, resolved itself into the said committee ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be read the third time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to make appropriations for the Navy of the United States, during the year one thousand eight hundred," with an amendment ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment of the Senate, to the said bill : Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to lease certain salt springs, the property of the United States, in the territory Northwest of the Ohio ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Craik reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

The question was then taken that the Committee of the Whole House have leave to sit again on the said bill,

And passed in the negative.

Ordered, That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed until the first Monday in December next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to revive and continue in force an act, entitled "An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes ;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be presently engrossed, and read the third time.

The said bill was accordingly brought in engrossed, and read the third time ;

And, on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Resolved, That the title be, "An act to revive and continue in force an act, entitled 'An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to enlarge the powers of surveyors of the revenue," with an amendment ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to ascertain the compensation of public ministers," with an amendment ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate agree to the amendment proposed by this House to the bill, entitled "An act prescribing the mode of deciding disputed elections of President and Vice President of the United States," with amendments ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to ascertain the compensation of public ministers : " Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to enlarge the powers of surveyors of the revenue : " Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said amendment, with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments of the Senate to the amendment proposed by this House to the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act prescribing the mode of deciding disputed elections of President and Vice President of the United States;" and the same being read at the Clerk's table,

Resolved, That this House doth disagree to the first of the said amendments.

The second amendment being under consideration, to wit: to strike out, from the forty-ninth line of the eighth section of the amendment proposed by this House to the said bill, the word "*rejecting*," and to insert in lieu thereof, the word "*admitting*."

The question was taken that the House do agree to the same,

And passed in the negative, { Yeas15,
 { Nays73.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

John Brown,
Samuel W. Dana,
Franklin Davenport,
Dwight Foster,
Chauncey Goodrich,
Roger Griswold,
James H. Inlay,
Samuel Lyman,

Jonas Platt,
James Sheafe,
William Shepard,
George Thatcher,
Robert Waln,
Lemuel Williams, and
Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Wilks Alston,
George Baer,
Theodorus Bailey,
Bailey Bartlett,
James A. Bayard,
Phanuel Bishop,
Jonathan Brace,
Robert Brown,
Samuel J. Cabell,
Gabriel Christie,
Matthew Clay,
William Charles Cole Claiborne,
John Condit,
William Cooper,
William Craik,
John Davenport,
Thomas T. Davis,
John Dawson,
George Dent,
Joseph Dickson,
Joseph Eggleston,
Lucas Elmendorf,
Thomas Evans,
Abiel Foster,
John Fowler,
Jonathan Freeman,
Albert Gallatin,
Henry Glen,
Elizur Goodrich,
Edwin Gray,
Andrew Gregg,
John A. Hanna,
Robert Goodloe Harper,
Thomas Hartley,
Joseph Heister,
William H. Hill,
David Holmes,

George Jackson,
James Jones,
Aaron Kitchell,
John Wilkes Kittera,
Michael Leib,
Matthew Lyon,
James Linn,
Edward Livingston,
Nathaniel Macon,
Peter Muhlenberg,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
Abraham Nott,
Robert Page,
Thomas Pinckney,
Leven Powell,
John Randolph,
John Reed,
John Rutledge, jun.
Samuel Sewall,
John Smilie,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Dobbs Spaight,
Richard Stanford,
David Stone,
Thomas Sumter,
John Chew Thomas,
Richard Thomas,
John Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Peleg Wadsworth, and
Robert Williams.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith. The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow. And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

And, on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Wadsworth, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined the following enrolled bills, to wit: one entitled "An act to make appropriations for the Navy of the United States, during the year one thousand eight hundred;" another entitled "An act to ascertain the compensation of public Ministers;" and another entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to establish the Treasury Department;'" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform this House that the President of the United States did, this day, approve and sign two acts, which originated in the Senate: one entitled "An act in addition to the act, entitled 'An act to prohibit the carrying on the slave trade from the United States to any foreign place or country;'" and another entitled "An act for the relief of Ithamar Canfield." The Senate adhere to their amendments, disagreed to by this House, to the amendment proposed by this House to the bill, entitled "An act for prescribing the mode of deciding disputed elections of President and Vice President of the United States." And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said message: Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth adhere to their disagreement to the amendments proposed by the Senate to their amendment to the said last mentioned bill.

Ordered. That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Wadsworth, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, the following enrolled bills, to wit: one entitled "An act to make appropriations for the Navy of the United States, during the year one thousand eight hundred;" another entitled "An act to ascertain the compensation of public Ministers;" and another entitled "An act supplementary to the act entitled 'An act to establish the Treasury Department.'"

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a resolution for extending the time of adjournment of the two Houses; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The House proceeded to consider the said resolution of the Senate: Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth disagree to the said resolution.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Ordered, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom were referred the several memorials and petitions of Stephen Smith, William Jackson, sundry citizens of Philadelphia, sundry ship owners of the port of Biddeford and Pepperelborough, Board of Health of the city and liberties of Philadelphia, Board of Health of the town of Portsmouth, in the State of New Hampshire, Select and Common Councils of the city of Philadelphia, sundry merchants of the city of Philadelphia, sundry inhabitants of the town of Berwick, in the District of Maine, merchants and others of the District of New Bedford, State of Massachusetts, Robert Hooper and William White, be discharged therefrom; and that the further consideration of the said memorials and petitions be postponed until the next session of Congress.

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred the letter from the Secretary of War, accompanying his report on the petitions of William Miller and others, exhibiting claims for military services in the State of Georgia; and the petitions of Henry Voight, of John Lowry, and of William Wheland, be discharged therefrom; and that the further consideration of the said letter and petitions be postponed until the next session of Congress.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Shaw, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign the following acts, which originated in this House, to wit: one entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act providing for the sale of the lands of the United States in the Territory Northwest of the Ohio, and above the mouth of Kentucky river;'" another entitled "An act supplemental to the act, entitled 'An act for an amicable settlement of limits with the State of Georgia, and authorizing the establishment of a Government in the Mississippi Territory;'" another entitled "An act to establish the District of Kennebunk, and to annex Lyme to New London, and to alter the District of Bermuda Hundred and City Point, and therein to amend the act, entitled 'An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage;'" another entitled "An act to provide for equalizing the valuations of unseated lands;" another entitled "An act making appropriations

for the Military establishment of the United States, in the year one thousand eight hundred ;” and another entitled “An act supplementary to an act entitled ‘An act to establish the compensation of the officers employed in the collection of the duties on imports and tonnage.’”

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate disagree to the amendment proposed by this House to their amendment to the bill, entitled “An act to enlarge the powers of Surveyors of the revenue.” And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said message : Whereupon,

Resolved, That a conference be requested with the Senate on the subject-matter of the said amendment disagreed to by the Senate ; and that Mr. Griswold, Mr. Harper, and Mr. Nott, be appointed managers at the same, on the part of this House.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate agree to the conference proposed by this House on the subject-matter of the amendment proposed by this House and disagreed to by the Senate, to their amendment to the bill, entitled “An act to enlarge the powers of Surveyors of the revenue ;” and have appointed managers at the same, on their part. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making further provision for the relief of persons imprisoned for debts due to the United States ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made one amendment thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk’s table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendment, be presently engrossed, and read the third time.

The said bill, with the amendment, was accordingly brought in engrossed, and read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, “An act making further provision for the relief of persons imprisoned for debts due to the United States.”

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled “An act supplementary to the act establishing the Mint, and regulating the coins of the United States ;” and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made one amendment thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk’s table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendment, be now read the third time.

The said bill, with the amendment, was accordingly read the third time ;

And, on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled “An act authorizing the issuing certain patents,” with amendments ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate disagree to the amendment proposed by this House to the bill sent from the Senate, entitled “An act supplementary to the act establishing the Mint, and regulating the coins of the United States.” The Senate have passed the bill, entitled “An act directing the payment of a detachment of the militia under the command of Major Thomas Johnson, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four,” with an amendment ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate have postponed, until the next session of Congress, the further consideration of the bill to provide for the sale of certain lands between the Great and Little Miami rivers. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled “An act supplementary to the act to suspend part of an act, entitled ‘An act to augment the Army of the United States, and for other purposes ;’” and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris reported that the committee had, accord-

The first amendment reported from the Committee of the Whole House, being again read, in the words following, to wit :

A motion was made and seconded to amend the same, by striking therefrom the words following: "*So soon as, in his opinion, the situation of affairs between the United States and France shall be such as to render such discharge advisable:*"

It passed in the negative, { Yeas.....'38,
 { Nays..... 42.

James Linn,
Edward Livingston,
Nathaniel Macon,
Peter Muhlenberg,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
Abraham Nott,
John Randolph,
John Smilie,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stauford,
David Stone,
Thomas Sumter,
John Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
Joseph B Varnum, and
Robert Williams.

Benjamin Huger,
James H. Imlay,
John Wilkes Kittera,
Silas Lee,
Lewis R. Morris,
Robert Page,
Thomas Pinckney,
Jonas Platt,
Levin Powell,
John Reed,
John Rutledge, jun.
Samuel Sewall,
James Sheafe,
William Shepard,
George Thatcher,
John Chew Thomas,
Richard Thomas,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Robert Wain,
Lemuel Williams, and
Henry Woods.

The question was then taken that the House do agree to the said first amendment reported from the Committee of the Whole House to the said bill,

And resolved in the affirmative.

The second amendment reported by the Committee of the Whole House to the said bill, being again read, to wit : to add the following as a third section to the bill :

"Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That to each officer, non-commissioned officer, and soldier, who shall be discharged from service by virtue of this act, there shall be allowed and paid, in addition to the pay and allowances to which they are now entitled by law, a sum of money, equal to one month's pay of such officer, non-commissioned officer, and soldier, respectively :"

And, the question being taken that the House do agree to the same,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 47,
 { Nays 27.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston,
George Baer,
Theodorus Bailey,
Bailey Bartlett,
Jonathan Brace,
John Brown,
Gabriel Christie,
William Charles Cole Claiborne,
William Cooper,
William Craik,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
Franklin Davenport,
George Dent,
Thomas Evans,
Abiel Foster,
Dwight Foster,
John Fowler,
Henry Glen,
Chauncey Goodrich,
Elizur Goodrich,
Roger Griswold,
William Barry Grove,
Robert Goodloe Harper,

William H. Hill,
Benjamin Huger,
James H. Imlay,
John Wilkes Kittera,
Silas Lee,
Lewis R. Morris,
Peter Muhlenberg,
Abraham Nott,
Robert Page,
Jonas Platt,
Leven Powell,
John Reed,
John Rutledge, jr.
Samuel Sewall,
James Sheafe,
William Shepard,
George Thatcher,
John Chew Thomas,
Richard Thomas,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Robert Waln, and
Lemuel Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Robert Brown,
Matthew Clay,
John Condit,
Thomas T. Davis,
Albert Gallatin,
Andrew Gregg,
John A. Hanna,
Joseph Heister,
David Holmes,
George Jackson,
James Jones,
Aaron Kitchell,
Matthew Lyon,
James Linn,

Edward Livingston,
Nathaniel Macon,
Anthony New,
John Nicholas,
John Randolph,
John Smilie,
John Smith,
Richard Stanford,
David Stone,
Thomas Sumter,
John Thompson,
Abram Trigg, and
John Trigg.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be now read the third time.

The said bill, with the amendments, was accordingly read the third time ;

And, on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the issuing certain patents," were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, MAY 12, 1800.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That the resolution of the Senate and House of Representatives of the twenty-first day of April last, authorizing the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives to adjourn their respective Houses on Monday, the twelfth of May, instant, be rescinded ; and that the said President and Speaker do adjourn their respective Houses on Tuesday, the thirteenth instant :

The question was taken that the House do agree to the same,

And resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said resolution to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Wadsworth, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act appointing the time, and directing the place of the next meeting of Congress," and had found the same to be truly enrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act directing the payment of a detachment of militia under the command of Major Thomas Johnson, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four : " Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the message of the Senate of yesterday, disagreeing to the amendment proposed by this House to the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act establishing the Mint, and regulating the coins of the United States : " Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth insist on their said amendment disagreed to by the Senate ; that a conference be requested with the Senate on the subject-matter of the said amendment ; and that Mr. Chauncey Goodrich, Mr. Gallatin, and Mr. Waln, be appointed managers at the same, on the part of this House.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the issuing certain patents : " Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act to establish the Judicial Courts of the United States ; ' and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Craik reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto,

Ordered, That the said bill be now the third time.

The said bill was accordingly read the third time ;

And, on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have disagreed to the bill, entitled "An act to promote the manufacture of sheet copper within the United States, by the incorporation of a company for carrying on the same." The Senate agree to the resolution for postponing the time of adjournment of the two Houses, with an amendment ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. I am directed to inform this House that the President of the United States did, on the tenth instant, approve and sign an act, which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to establish the Treasury Department.' " The Senate agree to the bill, entitled "An act to lay additional duties on certain articles imported." The Senate agree to the conference proposed by this House, on the subject-matter of the amendment proposed by this House and disagreed to by the Senate, to the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act establishing the Mint, and regulating the coins of the United States ; " and have appointed managers at the same on their part. The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to retain a further sum on drawbacks, for the expenses incident to the allowance and payment thereof, and in lieu of stamp duties on debentures." The Senate have postponed until the next session, the bill, entitled "An act for erecting a Mausoleum for GEORGE WASHINGTON." And then he withdrew.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Shaw, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the tenth instant, approve and sign the following acts, which originated in this House, to wit: one entitled "An act to make appropriations for the Navy of the United States, during the year one thousand eight hundred;" and another entitled "An act to ascertain the compensation of public ministers."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Griswold, from the managers appointed on the part of this House to confer with the managers on the part of the Senate, on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill, entitled "An act to enlarge the powers of Surveyors of the Revenue," made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the amendment of the Senate to the said bill, with a modification and amendment thereof.

Ordered, That the committee appointed, on the twelfth of February last, to inquire into the expediency of passing a law to regulate the manner of entering caveats to prevent the issuing of patents for land granted by the State of Virginia for military services, be discharged from the further consideration of the several petitions referred to them.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment proposed by the Senate to the resolution for postponing the time of adjournment: Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, MAY 13, 1800.

Ordered, That Mr. Claiborne, Mr. Rutledge, and Mr. Morris, have leave to be absent from the service of this House, during the remainder of the session.

A petition of Nathaniel Holmes was presented to the House and read, praying to be reimbursed certain expenses incurred by the petitioner, in transporting a detachment of militia under his command, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, from Cape May to Trenton, New Jersey, the rendezvous of the troops of that State, ordered out to quell the insurrection in the Western counties of Pennsylvania.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have postponed, until the next session of Congress, the bill, entitled "An act making further provision for the relief of persons imprisoned for debts due to the United States." The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to make provision relative to rations for Indians, and to their visits to the seat of Government." The Senate agree to the modification and amendment proposed by this House to their amendment to the bill, entitled "An act to enlarge the powers of Surveyors of the Revenue." The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to authorize certain expenditures, and to make certain additional appropriations for the year one thousand eight hundred," with an amendment; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to appropriate a certain sum of money to defray the expense of holding a treaty or treaties with the Indians," with an amendment; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate insist on their disagreement to the amendment proposed by this House to the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act supplementary to the act establishing the Mint, and regulating the coins of the United States." The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to make further provision for the children of Colonel John Harding and Major Alexander Trueman, deceased," with an amendment; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to authorize certain expenditures, and to make certain additional appropriations for the year one thousand eight hundred:" Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to appropriate a certain sum of money to defray the expense of holding a treaty or treaties with the Indians:" Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to make further provision for the children of Colonel John Harding and Major Alexander Trueman, deceased :". Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Wadsworth, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined the following enrolled bills, to wit : one entitled "An act to lay additional duties on certain articles imported ;" another entitled "An act to retain a further sum on drawbacks, for the expenses incident to the allowance and payment thereof, and in lieu of stamp duties on debentures ;" another entitled "An act to authorize certain expenditures, and to make certain additional appropriations for the year one thousand eight hundred ;" another entitled "An act to appropriate a certain sum of money to defray the expense of holding a treaty or treaties with the Indians ;" another entitled "An act to make provision relative to rations for Indians, and to their visits to the seat of Government ;" another entitled "An act to authorize the issuing of certain patents ;" another entitled "An act directing the payment of a detachment of the militia under the command of Major Thomas Johnson, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four ;" another entitled "An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act to establish the Judicial Courts of the United States ;' and another entitled "An act to enlarge the powers of Surveyors of the Revenue ;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Clerk of this House be authorized, if necessary, to employ a third engrossing Clerk in his office during the recess, to be paid out of the moneys appropriated for the contingent expenses of the House.

Mr. Wadsworth, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, the following enrolled bills, to wit : one entitled "An act appointing the time, and directing the place of the next meeting of Congress ;" another entitled "An act to lay additional duties on certain articles imported ;" another entitled "An act to retain a further sum on drawbacks, for the expenses incident to the allowance and payment thereof, and in lieu of stamp duties on debentures ;" another entitled "An act to authorize certain expenditures, and to make certain additional appropriations for the year one thousand eight hundred ;" another entitled "An act to appropriate a certain sum of money to defray the expense of holding a treaty or treaties with the Indians ;" another entitled "An act to make provision relative to rations for Indians, and to their visits to the seat of Government ;" another entitled "An act to authorize the issuing of certain patents ;" another entitled "An act directing the payment of a detachment of the militia under the command of Major Thomas Johnson, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four ;" another entitled "An act to establish the Judicial Courts of the United States ;" and another entitled "An act to enlarge the powers of Surveyors of the Revenue."

Mr. Chauncey Goodrich, from the managers appointed on the part of this House to confer with the managers on the part of the Senate, on the subject-matter of the amendment proposed by this House and disagreed to by the Senate, to the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act supplementary to the act establishing the Mint, and regulating the coins of the United States," made a report ; which was read and considered : Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth adhere to their said amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate recede from their disagreement to the amendment proposed by this House to the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act establishing the Mint, and regulating the coins of the United States." And then he withdrew.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning nine o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 1800.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate agree to the amendment proposed by this House to the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act supplementary to the act to suspend part

of an act, entitled 'An act to augment the Army of the United States, and for other purposes,' with an amendment; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate have postponed, until the next session of Congress, the resolution repealing certain laws passed by the Governor and Judges of the Mississippi Territory. The Senate, in the absence of the Vice President, have elected the honorable Uriah Tracy President pro tempore. I am directed to inform this House that the President of the United States did, on the thirteenth instant, approve and sign two acts, which originated in the Senate: one entitled "An act appointing the time, and directing the place of the next meeting of Congress;" the other entitled "An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act to establish the judicial courts of the United States.'" The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act regulating the grants of land appropriated for the refugees from the British provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia," with amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment of the Senate to the amendment proposed by this House to the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to suspend part of an act, entitled 'An act to augment the Army of the United States, and for other purposes:'" Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act regulating the grants of land appropriated for the refugees from the British provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia:" Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate adhere to their amendment disagreed to by this House to the bill, entitled "An act regulating the grants of land appropriated for the refugees from the British provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia." The Senate have disagreed to the bill, entitled "An act to permit the bringing of slaves into the Mississippi Territory." The Senate have postponed, until the next session of Congress, the bill, entitled "An act to revive and continue in force an act, entitled 'An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes;" and, also, the bill, entitled "An act in addition to the act, entitled 'An act for granting land to the inhabitants and settlers at Vincennes and the Illinois country, in the territory Northwest of the Ohio, and for confirming them in their possessions.'" And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the message of the Senate, adhering to their amendment disagreed to by this House to the bill, entitled "An act regulating the grants of land appropriated for the refugees from the British provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia:" Whereupon,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the said bill and amendment be postponed until the third Monday in November next.

Mr. Wadsworth, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined the following enrolled bills, to wit: one entitled "An act to make further provision for the children of Colonel John Harding and Major Alexander Trueman, deceased;" another entitled "An act supplementary to the act to suspend part of an act, entitled 'An act to augment the Army of the United States, and for other purposes;" and another entitled "An act supplementary to the act establishing the Mint, and regulating the coins of the United States;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Ordered, That Mr. Chauncey Goodrich and Mr. Shepard be appointed a committee on the part of this House, jointly, with such committee as may be appointed on the part of the Senate, to wait on the President of the United States, and notify him of the proposed recess of Congress.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Wadsworth, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, the following enrolled bills, to wit: one entitled "An act to make further provision for the children of Colonel John Harding and Major Alexander Trueman, deceased;" another entitled "An act supplementary to the act to suspend part of an act, entitled 'An act to augment the Army of the United States, and for other purposes;" and another entitled "An act supplementary to the act establishing the Mint, and regulating the coins of the United States."

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : I am directed to inform this House that the President of the United States did, this day, approve and sign two acts, which originated in the Senate : one entitled “ An act supplementary to the act to suspend part of an act, entitled ‘ An act to augment the Army of the United States, and for other purposes ;’ ” and another entitled “ An act supplementary to the act establishing the Mint, and regulating the coins of the United States.” The Senate have appointed a committee, jointly, with the committee appointed on the part of this House, to wait on the President of the United States, and notify him of the proposed recess of Congress. And then he withdrew.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Shaw, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, yesterday, approve and sign the following acts, which originated in this House, to wit : one entitled “ An act authorizing the issuing certain patents ;” another entitled “ An act directing the payment of a detachment of the militia under the command of Major Thomas Johnson, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four ;” another entitled “ An act to retain a further sum on drawbacks, for the expenses incident to the allowance and payment thereof, and in lieu of stamp duties on debentures ;” another entitled “ An act to lay additional duties on certain articles imported ;” another entitled “ An act to authorize certain expenditures, and to make certain additional appropriations for the year one thousand eight hundred ;” another entitled “ An act to enlarge the powers of surveyors of the revenue ;” and another entitled “ An act to appropriate a certain sum of money to defray the expense of holding a treaty or treaties with the Indians ;” and, also, that the President of the United States did, this day, approve and sign an act, which originated in this House, entitled “ An act to make further provision for the children of Colonel John Harding and Major Alexander Trueman, deceased.”

Mr. Chauncey Goodrich, from the joint committee of the two Houses, appointed to notify the President of the United States of the proposed recess of Congress, reported that the committee had, according to order, performed that service, and that the President signified to them that he had no further communication to make, but the expression of his wishes for the health and happiness of the members, and a pleasant journey on their return to their homes and families.

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Senate to inform them that this House, having completed the business before them, are now about to adjourn ; and that the Clerk of this House do go with the said message.

The Clerk, accordingly, went with the said message : and, being returned,

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House until the third Monday in November next, to meet in the city of Washington, in the Territory of Columbia.

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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES :

BEGUN and held at the City of Washington, in the Territory of Columbia, on Monday, the seventeenth day of November, one thousand eight hundred, being the Second Session of the Sixth Congress held under the Constitution of Government of the United States :

On which day, being the day appointed by law for the commencement of the present session, the following members of the House of Representatives appeared, and took their seats in the House, to wit :

From New Hampshire,

{ Abiel Foster, and
Jonathan Freeman.

From Massachusetts,

{ William Shepard,
John Reed,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Theodore Sedgwick, *Speaker*,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Silas Lee, and
Lemuel Williams.

From Connecticut,

John Davenport.

From New York,

{ John Smith,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Jonas Platt,
Henry Glen,
John Thompson, and
Theodorus Bailey.

From Pennsylvania,

{ Michael Leib,
Richard Thomas,
Joseph Heister,
Robert Brown,
Peter Muhlenberg,
Henry Woods, and
John Smilie.

From Maryland,

{ George Dent,
George Baer,
William Craik,
Gabriel Christie,
John C. Thomas, and
Joseph H. Nicholson.

From Virginia,

{ Leven Powell,
Robert Page,
John Nicholas,
John Dawson,
Anthony New,
George Jackson, and
David Holmes.

From North Carolina,

{ Nathaniel Macon,
Richard Stanford, and
Willis Alston.

From South Carolina,

{ Thomas Sumter, and
Benjamin Huger.

From Tennessee,

William C. C. Claiborne.

A new member, to wit : John C. Smith, returned to serve as a member of this House, for the State of Connecticut, in the room of Jonathan Brace, who has resigned his seat, appeared and produced his credentials ;

But a quorum of the whole number not being present,

The House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1800.

Several other members, to wit : from Connecticut, Elizur Goodrich, William Edmond, and Roger Griswold ; from New York, William Cooper and Lucas Elmendorf ; from New Jersey, James H. Imlay and Franklin Davenport ; from Pennsylvania, Robert Waln ; from Maryland, Samuel Smith ; from Virginia, Henry Lee, Thomas Evans, and John Trigg ; from North Carolina, Richard Dobbs Spaight and Joseph Dickson ; and from Georgia, Benjamin Taliaferro ; appeared and took their seats in the House ;

And a quorum, consisting of a majority of the whole number, being present,

The oath to support the Constitution of the United States, as prescribed by the act entitled "An act to regulate the time and manner of administering certain oaths," was administered by Mr. Speaker to John C. Smith, a new member, who appeared and took his seat in the House yesterday.

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Senate to inform them that a quorum of this House is assembled, and ready to proceed to business ; and that the Clerk of this House do go with the said message.

On motion,

Ordered, That a Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be appointed, pursuant to the standing rules and orders of the House ;

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Samuel Smith, Mr. Waln, Mr. Franklin Davenport, Mr. Huger, Mr. Parker, Mr. Elizur Goodrich, and Mr. Silas Lee.

Ordered, That a Committee of Elections be appointed, pursuant to the standing rules and orders of the House ;

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Dent, Mr. Lemuel Williams, Mr. Edmond, Mr. Muhlenberg, Mr. Evans, Mr. Dickson, and Mr. Claiborne.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House cause the members to be furnished, during the present session, with three newspapers, such as the members, respectively, shall chuse, to be delivered at their lodgings.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1800.

Several other members, to wit : from Vermont, Lewis R. Morris, and from Virginia, Josiah Parker and John Randolph, appeared and took their seats in the House.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1800.

Two other members, to wit : from Virginia, Abram Trigg, and from Pennsylvania, Andrew Gregg, appeared and took their seats in the House.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House have leave to be absent from the service of the House for three weeks.

Resolved, That a Standing Committee of Ways and Means be appointed, whose duty it shall be to take into consideration all such reports of the Treasury Department, and all such propositions relative to the revenue, as may be referred to them by the House; to inquire into the state of the public debt; of the revenue, and of the expenditures; and to report, from time to time, their opinion thereon.

Ordered, That Mr. Griswold, Mr. Powell, Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Nicholas, Mr. Imlay, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Taliaferro, Mr. Woods, and Mr. Smilie, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

Ordered, That a Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business be appointed, pursuant to the standing rules and orders of the House;

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Platt, Mr. Evans, and Mr. Alston.

Ordered, That a Committee of Claims be appointed, pursuant to the standing rules and orders of the House;

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Macon, Mr. John C. Smith, Mr. Morris, Mr. John Chew Thomas, Mr. Gregg, Mr. Holmes, and Mr. Bartlett.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1800.

Several other members, to wit: from Massachusetts, George Thatcher; from New Jersey, John Condit, Aaron Kitchell, and James Lynn; from Pennsylvania, John A. Hanna; and from South Carolina, Robert Goodloe Harper; appeared and took their seats in the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from Thomas Claxton, the Doorkeeper, stating that certain expenditures will be requisite, and further assistance necessary to be allowed, the better to enable him to fulfil the duties of his station; which was read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Powell, and Mr. Cooper.

On motion,

Resolved, That two Chaplains be appointed to Congress, one by each House, to interchange weekly.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said resolution to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform this House that a quorum of the Senate is assembled, and ready to proceed to business, and that, in the absence of the Vice President, they have elected the Honorable John E. Howard, President of the Senate, pro tempore. And then he withdrew.

On motion,

Resolved, That Mr. Griswold, Mr. Samuel Smith, and Mr. Craik, be a committee, on the part of this House, jointly, with such committee as may be appointed on the part of the Senate, to wait on the President of the United States, and notify him that a quorum of the two Houses is assembled, and ready to receive any communications he may think proper to make to them.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have appointed a committee, jointly, with the committee appointed by this House, to wait on the President of the United States, and notify him that a quorum of the two Houses is assembled, and ready to receive any communications he may think proper to make to them. And then he withdrew.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, two-thirds of both Houses concurring, That the following articles be proposed to the Legislatures of the United States, as amendments to the Constitution of the United States:

1. That, after the third day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and one, the choice of Electors of President and Vice President shall be made by dividing each State into a number of Districts, equal to the number of Electors to be chosen in such State, and by the persons in each of those Districts who shall have the qualifications requisite for Electors of the most numerous branch of the Legislature of such State, choosing one Elector in the manner which the Legislature thereof shall prescribe.

2. That the election of Representatives to Congress, who are to serve after the third day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and three, shall be by dividing each State into a number of districts equal to the number of Representatives to which such State shall be entitled, and by the People within each of those districts who shall have the qualifications requisite for Electors of the most numerous branch of the

Legislature of such State choosing one Representative in the manner which the Legislature thereof shall prescribe.

Ordered, That the said motion be referred to Mr. Nicholas, Mr. Harper, Mr. Macon, Mr. Griswold, and Mr. Evans.

Mr. Griswold, from the Joint Committee appointed to wait on the President of the United States, and notify him that a quorum of the two Houses is assembled, and ready to receive any communications he may think proper to make to them, reported that the committee had, according to order, performed that service, and that the President signified to them he would make a communication to both Houses to-morrow at twelve o'clock, in the Senate Chamber.

Mr. Nicholson, from the committee to whom was this day referred the letter of Thomas Claxton, Doorkeeper of the House, made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That Thomas Claxton be, and he is hereby, authorized to employ one additional assistant, and two horses, for the purpose of performing such services as are usually required of the Doorkeeper to the House of Representatives; and that the sum of twenty-eight dollars be allowed him weekly, for that purpose, during the session, and for twenty days afterwards.

Resolved, That the said Thomas Claxton be, and he is hereby, authorized to cause to be erected a shelter for the purpose of protecting from the weather, the fire-wood that may be required by the two Houses of Congress; and that he be paid therefor out of the fund appropriated for the contingent expenses of the House.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1800.

Two other members, to wit: from North Carolina, Archibald Henderson; and from Virginia, Edwin Gray; appeared and took their seats in the House.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate are now ready in the Senate Chamber, to attend this House in receiving the communication from the President of the United States, agreeably to his notification to both Houses yesterday. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Speaker, attended by the members of this House, then withdrew to the Senate Chamber, for the purpose expressed in the message from the Senate; and being returned,

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a copy of the Speech delivered by the President of the United States to both Houses of Congress, in the Senate Chamber, as followeth:

Gentlemen of the Senate, and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

Immediately after the adjournment of Congress at their last session in Philadelphia, I gave directions, in compliance with the laws, for the removal of the public offices, records, and property: These directions have been executed, and the public officers have since resided and conducted the ordinary business of the Government in this place.

I congratulate the People of the United States on the assembling of Congress at the permanent seat of their Government; and I congratulate you, gentlemen, on the prospect of a residence not to be changed: Although there is cause to apprehend that accommodations are not now so complete as might be wished, yet there is great reason to believe that this inconvenience will cease with the present session.

It would be unbecoming the Representatives of this nation to assemble, for the first time, in this solemn temple, without looking up to the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, and imploring his blessing.

May this territory be the residence of virtue and happiness! In this city may that piety and virtue, that wisdom and magnanimity, that constancy and self-government which adorned the great character whose name it bears, be forever held in veneration! Here, and throughout our country, may simple manners, pure morals, and true religion, flourish forever!

It is with you, gentlemen, to consider whether the local powers over the District of Columbia, vested by the Constitution in the Congress of the United States, shall be immediately exercised: If, in your opinion, this important trust ought now to be executed, you cannot fail, while performing it, to take into view the future probable situation of the territory for the happiness of which you are about to provide. You will consider it as the Capital of a great nation, advancing, with unexampled rapidity, in arts, in commerce, in wealth, and in population; and possessing within itself those energies and resources, which, if not thrown away or lamentably misdirected, secure to it a long course of prosperity and self-government.